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INTRODUCTION

This is the third edition of the annually produced Register of Projects financed by the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London through its several committees. It records and indexes in a standardised form the majority of the projects which were in progress at the end of 1980. A larger and more comprehensive work which contains all these details as well as many of the project and research activities of the European and Scandinavian Health Institutes, is maintained by the Library of the King's Fund Centre.

It is not always easy to determine whether a decision to make a financial grant makes the objective a "project"; often the Fund will support an association or encourage a cause which is not innovative, and these grants have by and large not been included in this Register. The majority of the projects listed are supported by the Project Committee of the Fund, and during the course of 1980 the Committee reviewed its practice and in particular declared that one of its aims should be to stimulate innovation in areas where other funding bodies for one reason or another were loathe to take an initiative. In its search for "dark, dirty or difficult areas", the Committee has identified the following as examples:

- (a) The use and operation of hospital Accident and Emergency Departments.
- (b) The improvement of hospital out-patient administration.
- (c) The sexual and psycho-sexual welfare of the clients of social workers especially in long-stay institutions.
- (d) The relationships between Community Health Councils and their matching Health Authorities together with the politics of the Health Service at local level.
- (e) Industrial relations in the Health Service.

It should be emphasised that these by no means are exhaustive and the Committee will always maintain its search for good practices in health care as a main objective.

The Committee, and indeed the King's Fund, does not finance clinical projects, nor does it make grants to bodies or to individuals outside London where the aims of the project are designed to benefit solely that body or individual. The Committee and the Fund do not finance the provision of services other than those which can be seen to be experimental. The word "management" applied to the health and social services most accurately describes the content of most of the projects undertaken and coupled with the aim to support truly innovative work, indicates some of the parameters of the grant-giving committees.

A significant decision of the Fund during 1980 was to give an increased emphasis to innovative ideas which had a direct bearing on the provision of health care facilities in London - and by extension - in other big cities. During the course of the year the terms of reference of the London Project Executive Committee were revised and in future editions of this Register it is likely that projects falling within the ambit of this Committee will be separately identified.

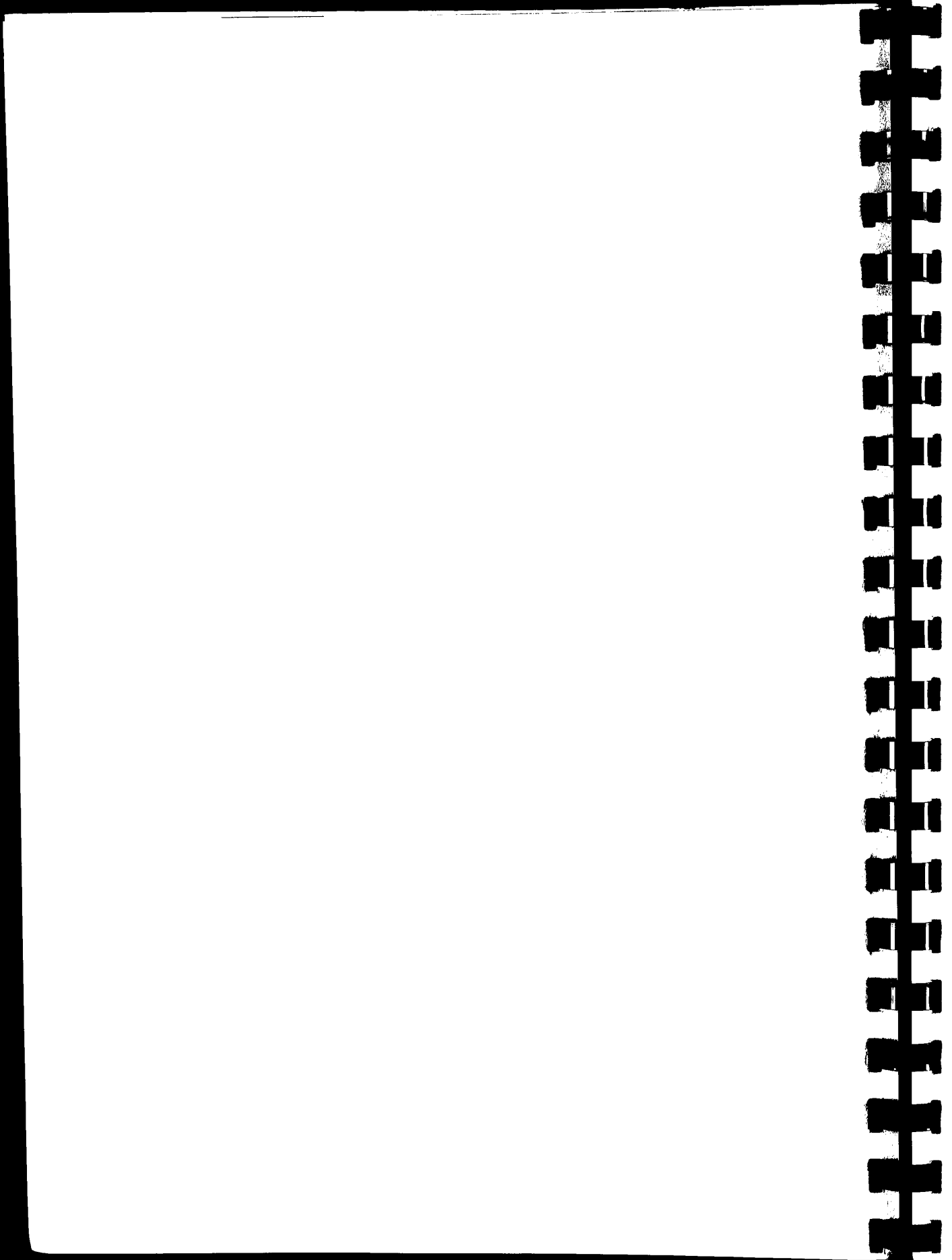
The financial pressures which have been a major reason for the considerable increase in project applications to the Fund, have led to a much closer scrutiny of requests for funding support. As well as trying to define our areas of interest, we have been looking carefully at applications to see whether what is described is genuinely innovative, is accompanied by a clear statement of the plan of the project, and whether at the end of the project an impartial attempt at an evaluation of achievement against objective is to be made.

The Project Committee has a standard application form which is normally used, and the usual procedure is for an applicant to submit first a brief narrative statement of his proposal to the Secretary of the Committee. If this is accepted, with or without modification, the full application form is completed and at this stage the advice of expert assessors is sought. There is no formal panel of assessors but the Fund has always been fortunate in being able to call upon the advice of experts, which is invariably given with great care. In many cases, an applicant meets the Fund's representatives before a submission is made to the Project Committee, who will decide whether to accept the proposal, reject it or modify it.

This account of project activity is necessarily abbreviated. It is included in the Register in order to give some general background information on the Fund's procedures about this part of their activities. It is hoped that the Register of Current Projects will be of use to health care staff inside and outside the Fund.

W G Cannon
Director, King's Fund Centre
and
Secretary, Project Committee

February 1981

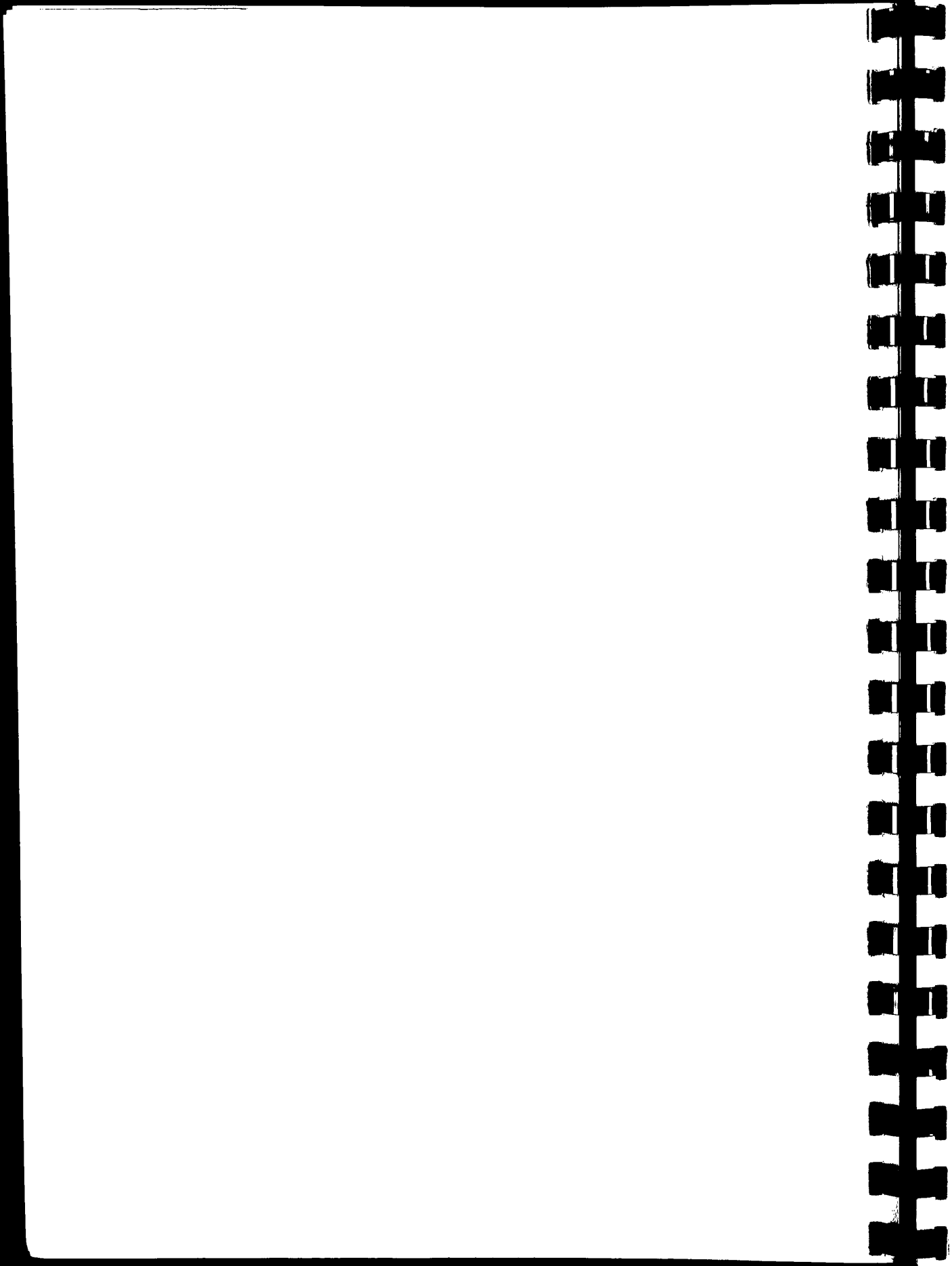


ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PROJECTS

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT NUMBER
A4 size stationery for general practitioners	PRO 78/37
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Equipment for the handicapped: a survey of UK resources	PRO 78/34
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PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT NUMBER
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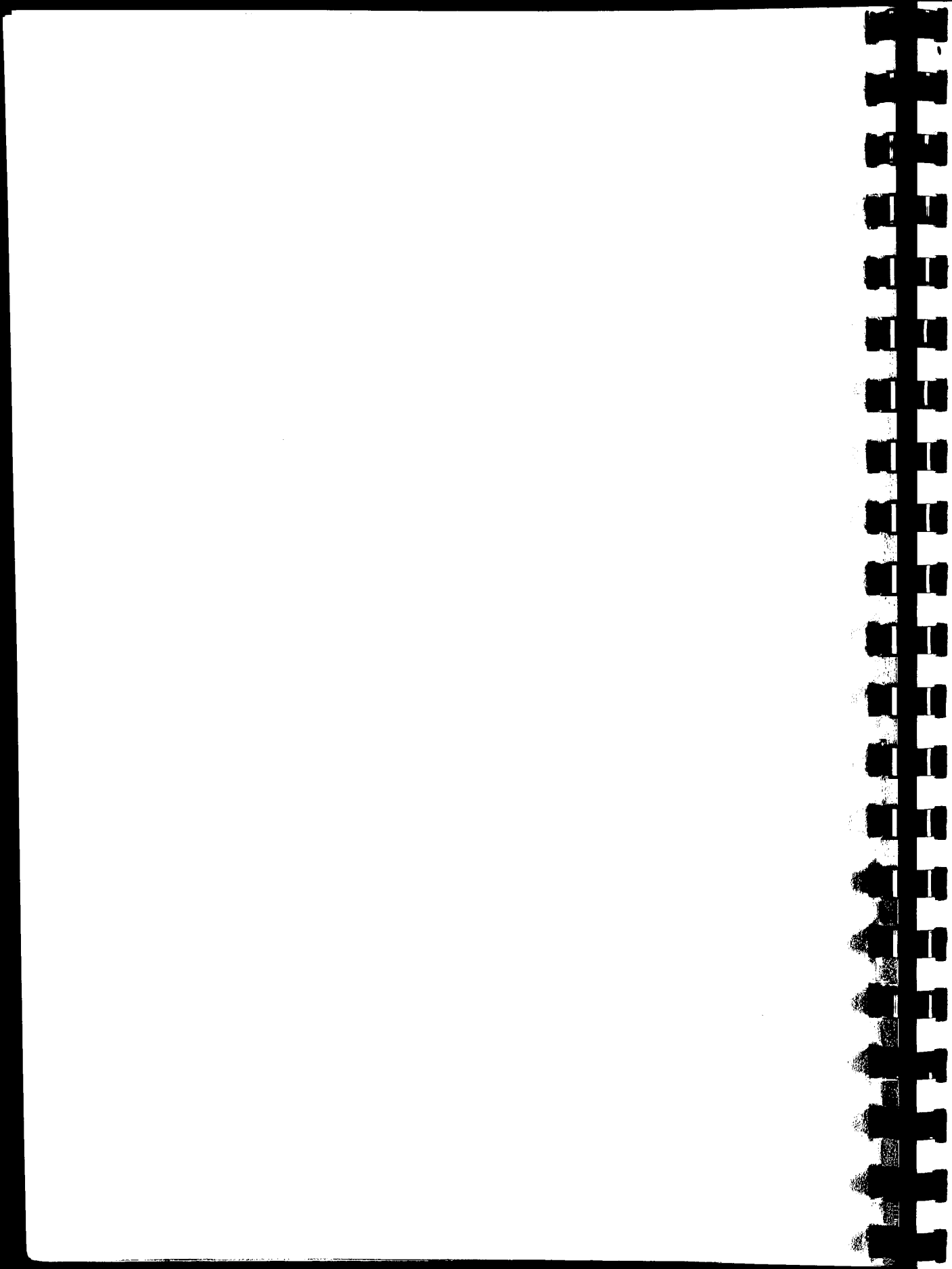


KEY TO PAGE NUMBERING SYSTEM

The page numbers in this register, used for determining the filing order of the project summaries, consist of abbreviations representing the Fund's project sponsoring committees (see explanation below) and the minute numbers of the committees. The filing order is alphabetically by committee abbreviations and numerically within each committee's collection.

Explanation of abbreviations:

CEN)	
MAN(C))	King's Fund Centre Committee
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ED		King's Fund Education Committee
MAN		King's Fund Management Committee
PRO		King's Fund Project Committee
R&D		King's Fund Research and Development Committee (ceased 1978)



KING'S FUND CENTRE COMMITTEE

CEN 77/17
78/22
79/8
MAN 9910(C)2

Project: Sickness in society.

Starting date: November 1977.

Planned duration: A series of four lectures annually

Funds allocated: £1100

Project leader: Reverend Dr Douglas Pett, Hospital Chaplain,
St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, London W2.

Project officer:

Project base: St Mary's Hospital; address above.

Objectives: To hold annually a series of three or four lectures for
hospital chaplains and all workers in hospital on a wide
range of sociological and ethical subjects.

Methodology: The lectures are planned by Dr Pett who invites speakers
known to him.
The lectures are given in November and December.

Presentation
of results: Consideration is being given to the publication of some
or all of the lectures.

Evaluation criteria: Continuing attendance at the lectures.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: An enquiry into the role and usage of Post Graduate Medical Library facilities by General Practitioners.

Starting date: January 1978.

Planned duration: 9 - 12 months.

Funds allocated: £280.

Project leader:

Project officer: Dr H K Ford, 4 Poplar Avenue, Heacham, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Project base: address above.

Objectives:

- 1 To improve the provision of medical information to general practitioners.
- 2 To quantify GP use of postgraduate medical library facilities in East Anglia.
- 3 To change existing attitudes and the use of library facilities.

Methodology:

- 1 To circulate questionnaires to GPs in a health district to ascertain the extent they use library facilities and their attitudes.
- 2 To keep records of information sought by GPs and thus build up a profile of local needs.

Presentation of results: Publication in a professional journal.

Evaluation criteria: None stated.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.

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Project: Exploratory survey of alternative approaches to primary and community health care in big cities

Starting date: April 1979

Planned duration: six months

Funds allocated: £1,400.00

Project leader: Helen Rosenthal, Vice Chairperson, City and Hackney CHC

Project officer:

Project base: King's Fund Centre and Department of Environmental and Preventive Medicine, St. Bartholomews Medical College

Objectives: To describe the nature and experience of a number of projects inside and outside the statutory health services which have a common focus on some of the following: preventive strategies against ill-health; attempts to increase participation amongst groups and individuals in the community to take responsibility for their health; attempts to stimulate participation in provision of health services; the meeting of health needs which fall outside the range of statutory provision.

As a result of the survey, a conference to be arranged, possibly the first of a series at the Centre, for people involved or interested in this aspect of primary and community health care.

Methodology: Through library work and field visits, a descriptive survey will be built up of mainly community-based project in urban Britain. Starting points will be health initiatives under Inner City Partnership, community health projects already identified, patients' associations, CHC's, and new approaches within statutory community health services.

Presentation of results: Survey, to form basis of a working paper for conference

Evaluation criteria: This is an exploratory study designed to contribute to the generation and sharing of ideas: and thereby support fresh initiatives in the field of primary and community care in big cities.

KF coordinator: Dr D Towell, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.



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Project: Hull District School of Nursing (Mental Handicap Division)
Educational Resources.

Starting date: July 1979.

Planned duration: 1½ - 2 years.

Funds allocated: £250.

Project leader: J F Rogers,
District Nursing Officer,
Hull District (Humberside AHA).

Project officer: A R Thompson,
Tutor,
Hull District, (Humberside AHA).

Project base: School of Nursing,
Brandesburton Hospital,
Driffield.

Objectives: To improve communications in the school and collaborative
work between service colleagues to benefit both students
and post graduate staff.

To improve educational resources at the school by
conversion of a practical room to a learning resources
unit.

To plan scripts for tape-slide programmes and to copy
video-tape programmes.

Methodology: By purchase and set up of necessary equipment to enable
scheme to proceed.

Presentation
of results: In a paper by Mr Thompson, giving details of programme
planning, technical activities and evaluation of the
teaching/learning process, which might be printed and
circulated.

Evaluation criteria: Not stated.

KF Coordinator: Miss H. O. Allen, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.

Project: Training Film - Communicating with the Deaf.

Starting date: November 1979.

Planned duration: Not stated.

Funds allocated: £500.

Project leader:

Project officer: Derrick Edwards,
Senior Health Education Officer,
Brent & Harrow AHA.

Project base: Brent & Harrow AHA.

Objectives: To produce a twenty - minute video tape on the theme of communication problems of the deaf, in order to arouse latent interest and concern about these problems.

Methodology: To produce the film with help from a film company "Trigger Tapes".

To distribute the film through Brent and Harrow Area Health Authority, training groups, Social workers and Y T and film libraries. The audience for which it is intended is:

1. Secondary school children.
2. Adult interest groups.

To follow up with tapes, slides, etc.

Presentation of results: Not stated.

Evaluation criteria: Not stated.

KF Coordinator: W. G. Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.

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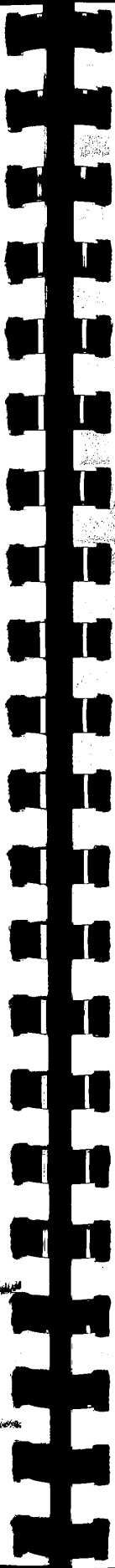
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Project: Travelling Exhibition of Low Vision Aids.

Starting date: October 1979.

Planned duration: Indefinite.

Funds allocated: £1075.

Project leader: Lady Hamilton ONE., MA.,
Chairman, Disabled Living Foundation,
346 Kensington High Street,
London W14 8NS.

Project officer: Mrs Valerie Scarr FSMC., FBOA., D Orth., DCLP.,
Project worker on DLF Projects for the visually Handicapped.

Project base: Disabled Living Foundation,
346 Kensington High Street,
London W14 8NS.

Objectives: To buy, fit and assemble a suitcase containing:

- A display of low vision aids, each labelled with its number, name, manufacturer, description and purpose.
- A set of slides of each item.
- Notes for a Lecture/Demonstration of the aids.
- A list of manufacturers' names and addresses.
- A list of Low Vision Aid Clinics in the United Kingdom.
- A list of sources of helpful advice to visually handicapped people and those concerned with their care.
- This to be used to make known to individuals and professionals what resources are available to the visually handicapped.

Methodology: To obtain the necessary aids on loan from manufacturers, to assemble the suitcase, publicize by a press launch and make available for hire to:

- Courses or seminars in geriatric medicine, community medicine and general practice.
- Courses in nursing for community nurses, health visitors and in geriatric nursing.
- Courses, seminars and exhibitions in social work for visually handicapped and for elderly people.
- Courses and seminars in special education.
- Courses, seminars and exhibitions mounted by Community Health Councils and by voluntary bodies working in the fields of old age and visual handicap.

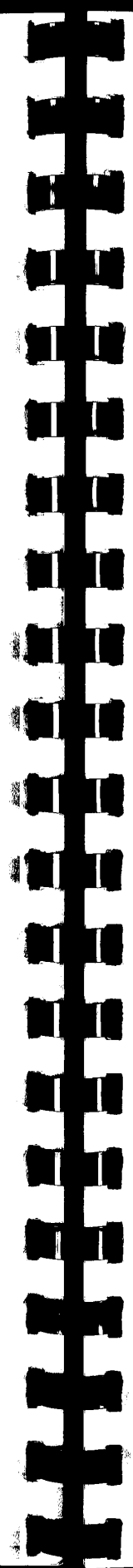
The scheme should then become self-supporting.

Presentation of results: Report to the DLF Advisory Panel on Projects for the Visually Handicapped.

Report to the King's Fund.

Evaluation criteria: Not stated.

KF Coordinator: W. G. Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: Teaching Videotapes in Family Planning Unit

Starting date: April 1980

Planned duration: N/A

Funds allocated: £300

Project leader: J A McEwan MA MB BChir FRCGP
Consultant and Senior Lecturer in Family Planning,
Area Family Planning Training Unit
King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 9RS

Project officer:

Project base: Studio of the Audiovisual Aids Department
Goldsmiths College

Objectives: To extend the teaching activities of the
Area Family Planning Training Unit at King's
College Hospital, London

Methodology: Medical and nursing staff of the training unit
will combine with staff from the Audiovisual
Aids Department of Goldsmiths College to make
the videotapes.

Presentation
of results: The production of brief videotapes designed
to stimulate discussion.

Evaluation criteria: Extent of use by Training Unit and others
concerned in family planning training.

KF Coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.

Project: Collection and secondary analysis of existing data on aspects of ethnicity and health

Starting date: May 1980

Planned duration:

Funds allocated: £400

Project leader: Mr Ray Fitzpatrick
Lecturer in Sociology as Applied to Medicine
Bedford College Social Research Unit
and
Middlesex Hospital Medical School

Project officer: to be appointed

Project base: Middlesex Hospital Medical School

Objectives:

1. To sensitize students to the significance of concepts like 'ethnicity' and 'culture' for health care in this country and not to provide them with the usual generalisations about the various ethnic minorities
2. To rectify lack of educative materials on ethnicity and health from a social scientific perspective used in undergraduate/pre-clinical behavioural science courses
3. To trigger-off the production of more academic papers on ethnicity and health elsewhere

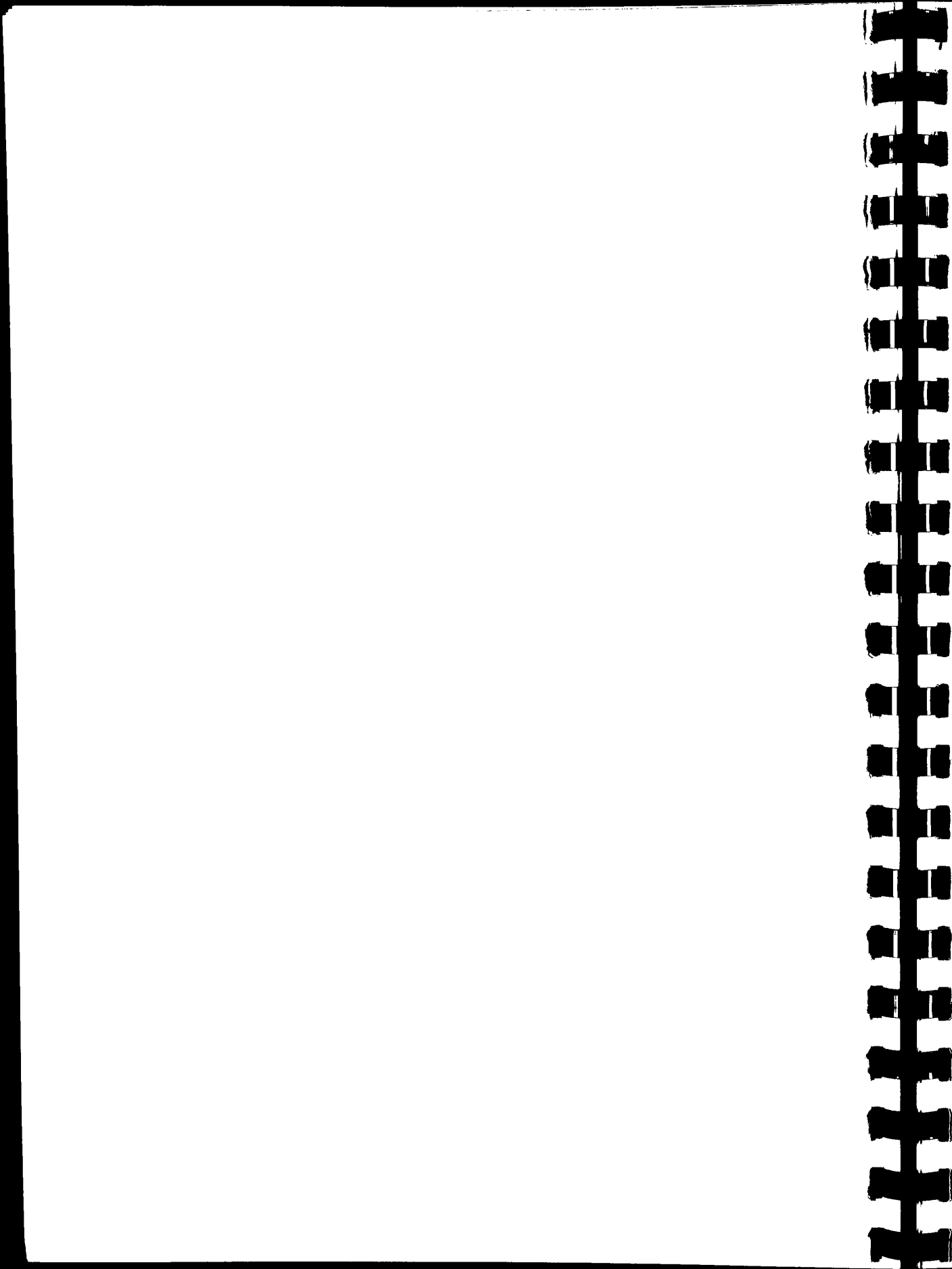
Methodology:

1. To review extant literature on the sociology and social anthropology of ethnic minorities with particular reference to health and health care, published or otherwise
2. To make a series of visits to a variety of relevant bodies with expertise in the area (eg. HEC, King's Fund, DHSS, lay pressure groups).

Presentation of results: To produce a short document for direct use in health professional education in order to make good the lack of educative materials

Evaluation criteria: None stated

KF coordinator W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre



Project: Filming for the elderly

Starting date: April 1980

Planned duration: Not stated

Funds allocated: £600

Project leader: Mrs Marie Richman
Liberation Films
2 Chichele Road, London NW2 3DA

Project officer: As above

Project base: As above

Objectives: To explore the potential of teaching Senior Citizens how to use video equipment and to make a short video tape for distribution to clubs and schools to increase understanding and break down barriers between old and young.

Methodology: Not stated

Presentation of results: A written diary for a journal
Tape production

Evaluation criteria: Use of tape and evaluation of interest shown.

KF Coordinator: Miss H O Allen, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre

Project: Hospital Energy Conservation Competition

Starting date: May 1980

Planned duration: 1 year

Funds allocated: £100

Project leader: Mr J E Furness
Secretary
The Institute of Hospital Engineering
St Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London EC4P 4BN

Project officer: as above

Project base: The Institute of Hospital Engineering
20 Landport Terrace, Southsea, Hampshire PO1 2RG

Objectives: To encourage anyone who works in or with hospitals
(or uses hospitals) to submit ideas for energy
savings in hospitals.

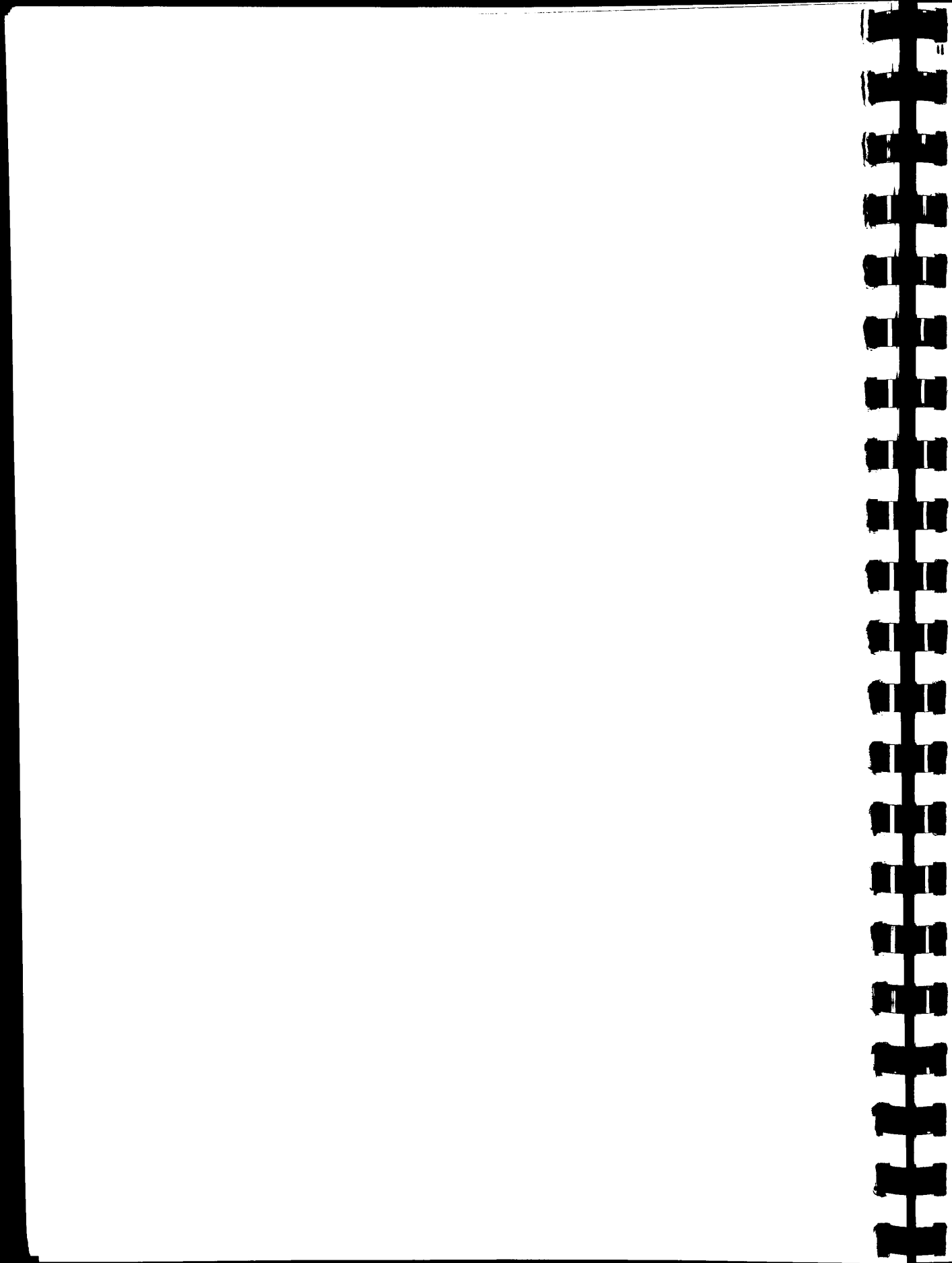
Methodology: Ideas to be in one of the following categories

- Modifications to Plant (heat recovery etc)
which have been implemented and proved
- New ideas for plant modifications which
have still to be evaluated
- Non-engineering suggestions for
conservation measures
- 'In-house' publicity schemes - eg regular
energy news sheets for staff
- Poster design for encouraging energy
savings

Presentation
of results: Presentation of award and publicity to winning entry

Evaluation
criteria: Number of entrants

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre



Project: The effects of social work attachments
on general practice

Starting date: June 1980

Planned duration: 1 year

Funds allocated: £100

Project leader: Dr P C Stott
General Practitioner
18 Shelveys Hill, Tadworth, Surrey

Project officer: as above

Project base: 18 Shelveys Hill, Tadworth, Surrey

Objectives: To study the effect of the attachment of a trained
social worker to a general practice

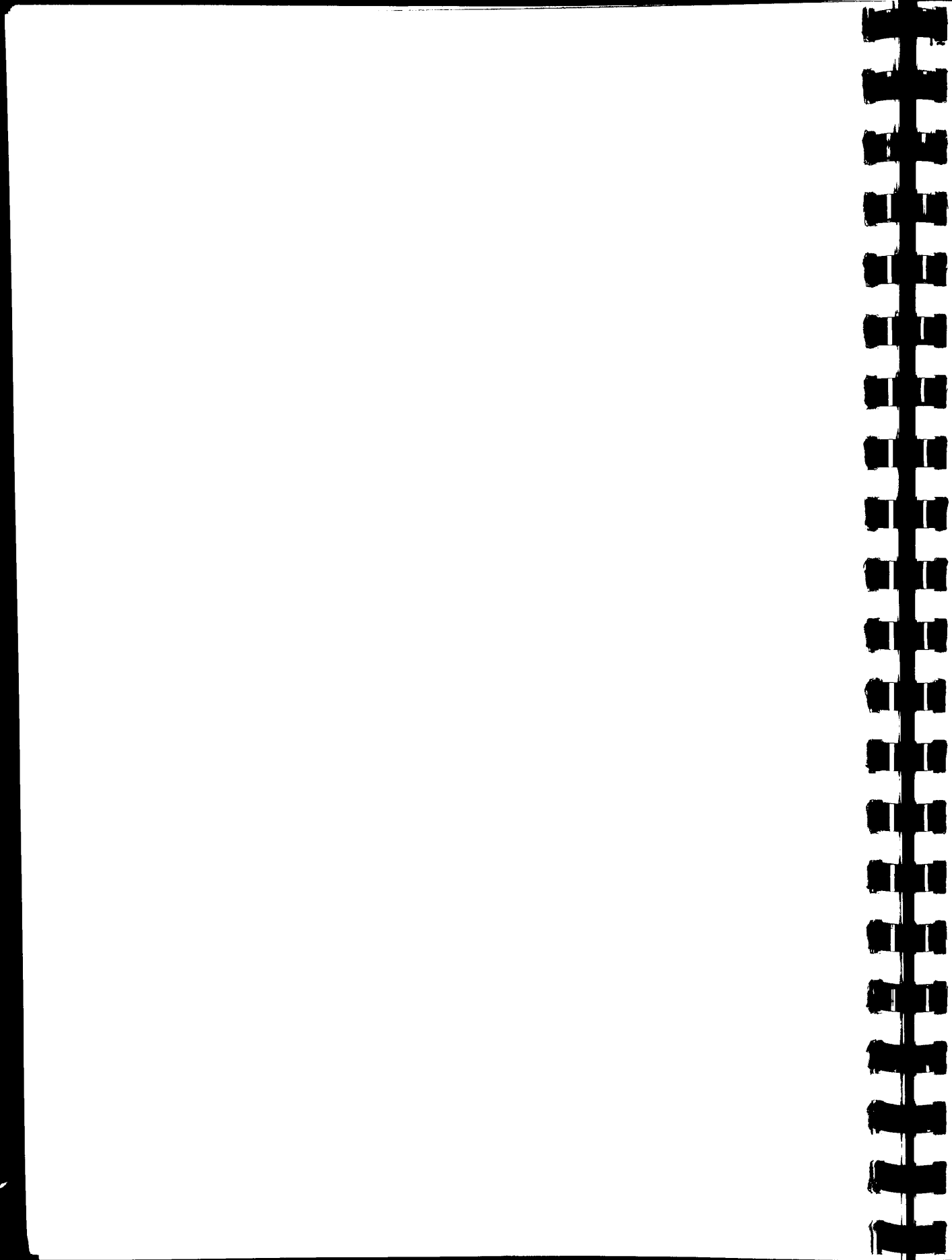
Methodology:

1. To study the characteristics of the cases referred to the social worker
2. To examine changes in referred patterns (numbers, type of problem etc)
3. To study patient response in problem-seeking behaviour
4. To measure the extra work generated for the social service department

Presentation of results: Publication in medical and social work professional journals

Evaluation criteria: None stated

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre



Project: Caring Spouses

Starting date: September 1980

Planned duration: 3 months

Funds allocated: £500

Project leader: Mrs Judith Oliver
Project Officer
c/o Spinal Injuries Association

Project officer: as above

Project base: Spinal Injuries Association
5 Crowndale Road
London NW1 1TU

Objectives: To describe in book form the problems encountered
by the spouses of tetraplegic or severely effected
poliomyelitis patients

Methodology: To interview between 30 and 50 such carers who
are spouses

Interviews will be tape-recorded open conversations
covering a pre-arranged series of topics

The group will be drawn mainly from the Midlands
and the South of England

Presentation
of results: Publication of book

Evaluation
criteria: Non stated

KF coordinator: Dr David Towell, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre

KING'S FUND CENTRE COMMITTEE

MAN 9110(C)1

Project: Royal Free Hospital Brochure

Starting date: November 1980

Planned duration: 3 months

Funds allocated: £500

Project leader: Mr J G S Grant
Assistant Administrator
Royal Free Hospital

Project officer: as above

Project base: Royal Free Hospital
Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 2QG

Objectives: The publication of a descriptive brochure about the
Royal Free Hospital and its associated Medical School,
for official visitors whether from the UK or abroad

Methodology: By updating a previously published document

Presentation
of results: Publication and free distribution

Evaluation
criteria: None stated

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre

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Project: Evaluation of the Application of Decision Analysis Techniques to Health Service Problems

Starting date: April 1979

Planned duration:

Funds allocated: £1 250

Project leader: P J Torrie
Director, King's Fund College

Project officer: Professor A F M Smith
Professor of Mathematics - University of Nottingham

Project base: SW Leicester Health District and
Department of Mathematics, University of Nottingham

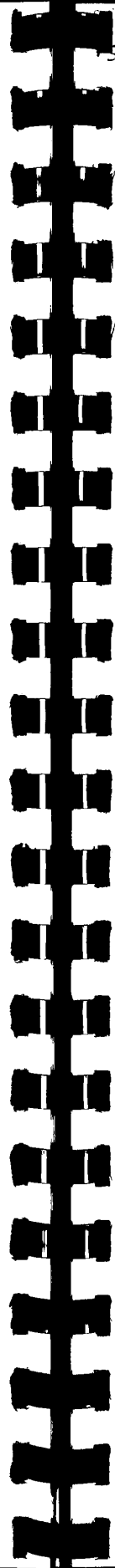
Objectives: A To test the value of using decision analysis techniques within the National Health Service in relation to:
1 Quality of decisions made;
2 Upgrading the manager's decision making skills;
3 Resolving difficult issues
B To relate theory to practice through the production of suitable case studies

Methodology: During the study period, Professor Smith will be involved with senior managers in the S W Leicester Health District assisting them to develop their own ability to apply decision analysis techniques to a range of problems facing the district.

Presentation of results: 1 Case studies
2 'Users' Manual
3 Articles
4 Seminar

Evaluation criteria: A framework for evaluating the success of this approach has been developed by the College, S W Leicester Health District and Professor Smith, and will form the basis for assessment. A report is expected by mid 1981

KF coordinator P J Torrie, Director, King's Fund College



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Project: King's Fund Corporate Management Programme

Starting date: October 1980

Planned duration: 3 years

Funds allocated: Development costs: April 1980 - September 1981 inclusive: £55,000

Project leader: Maureen Dixon
Associate Director, King Edward's Hospital Fund for London

Project officer: Alison de Metz
Project Coordinator
King Edward's Hospital Fund for London

Project base: King's Fund College

Objectives: To implement the recommendations of the Thwaites Report (The Education and Training of Senior Managers in the NHS) with regard to the provision of new management development opportunities for those in top posts in the NHS, this to be achieved through the development and provision of a multi-disciplinary corporate management programme of approximately six weeks in length.
The overall aim of the programme will be to improve the effectiveness of top managers in the NHS.
Its distinctive qualities will be the emphasis on corporate and strategic aspects of health services management, its multi-disciplinary nature and the opportunity for choice within the curriculum to meet the different needs of the professions involved.
More detailed objectives will be developed during the development of the programme which will be launched in October 1981.

Methodology: The period October 1980 to September 1981 will be devoted to developing the programme - defining the clientele, developing curriculum, identifying teachers and tutors etc. At least three approaches will be used during this developmental period.

- a survey of the clientele of the programme, to be carried out by postal questionnaire early in 1981, to establish training needs and preferred format for the programme
- a series of workshops, initially for the major professional groups involved, to be held at the King's Fund Centre and College
- visits to and interviews with individuals in health authorities (members and staff), universities, colleges and training centres, the DHSS and other relevant organisations.

Presentation of results: The following reports and analyses will be produced:

- a report on the findings of the survey
- reports on the workshops
- the programme materials
- on-going and final evaluation reports.

Evaluation criteria: To be developed but are likely to be concerned with both process and outcomes.

KF coordinator: Maureen Dixon



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Project: Study Grants, Health Services Management Centre
Birmingham (Fellowships for Senior Managers to
Study Projects Jointly with Academics)

Starting date: 1 October 1979

Planned duration: Three years

Funds allocated: £27 500 (1980); £30 000 (1981) £22 000 (1982)

Project leader: Dr D K Williams, Director
Health Services Management Centre, Birmingham

Project officer: Stuart Haywood
King's Fund College
King's Fund Fellow, seconded to HSMC, Birmingham

Project base: Health Services Management Centre, Birmingham

Objectives: To provide:

- 1 A major, direct, personal developmental
for the Fellows, which will
- 2 Have a considerable impact upon the work of the
HSMC and the King's Fund College, whose
publication will
- 3 Generally enhance the quality of health
services management.

Methodology: In essence the fellowship scheme establishes a steering
committee charged with initiating studies of contemporary
NHS policy issues. The studies would be conducted by
senior and very experienced NHS managers (from all major
professions) and education working jointly and would
primarily seek to facilitate personal development
through problem solving exercises. The period of
secondment would probably be quite short (3 months or so).
Three criteria to guide the choice of study areas would be:

- 1 studies that enhance the effectiveness of
senior management in the NHS, the Service
being viewed as a major and integral part
of British community government
- 2 activities that require a university
involvement and links with local government,
medical, education
- 3 activities that the DHSS and NHS would find
it difficult to support financially in the
near future

**Presentation
of results:** a) reports of practical assistance to policy makers
b) first class training material
Both to be distributed as widely as possible

**Evaluation
criteria:** Towards the end of the three year period,
evaluation would be based on the successful
conclusion and acceptance of the studies

KF coordinator: P J Torrie, Director, King's Fund College



Project: Nature of the job of the District Administrator

Starting date: 1 January 1979

Planned duration: One year

Funds allocated: £18 000

Project leader: P J Torrie
Director, King's Fund College

Project officer: Dr Rosemary Stewart
Senior Research Fellow
Oxford Centre for Management Studies

Project base: Oxford Centre for Management Studies

Objectives:

General 1 To provide information that can assist in the development of training programmes

2 To contribute factual information about what the DA does to any relevant policy discussions

Specific 1 To identify both the similarities and differences in the activities of the DA

2 To describe the different approaches that DAs have to their jobs, and to explore how far this approach is personal to the DA or is determined by the situation

3 To distinguish the common aspects of the DA's job and those that vary with the nature of the district

Methodology: The framework for the research is based on Dr Stewart's previous research published as "Contrasts in Management" and on Kotter and Lawrence's study in the US of "Mayors in Action".

The research will be conducted in two stages:

1 Structured interviews of two hours duration to

a) identify case demands of the job, common to all DAs;

b) identify the ways in which different types of district affect the DA's job in terms of demands, constraints and choices;

c) to try to clarify the different domains in which DAs operate;

d) to identify DAs who might participate in Stage 2

2 One week's observation of selected DAs including discussions with other members of the DMT and some key contacts

Presentation of results: Group discussions and seminars
Case material
Final written report

Evaluation criteria: Validation through seminars and workshops

KF coordinator P J Torrie, Director, King's Fund College

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Project: Medical records research project, University of Nottingham. (Innovations in medical records)

Starting date: July 1974.

Planned duration: 3 years, later extended to 5 years.

Funds allocated: £49,650.

Project leader: Professor E Maurice Backett, Department of Community Health, University of Nottingham, University Hospital, Clifton Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 2UH.

Project officer: Dr A L Rector, Lecturer in Community Health; address as for Professor Backett.

Project base: Department of Community Health, University of Nottingham.

Objectives:

- 1 To make a general study of records procedures with particular reference to innovatory systems.
- 2 To produce a directory or gazetteer of projects concerned with medical records.

Methodology:

- 1 Identification of projects through discussion with the Department of Health and Social Security, Regional Medical Officers, Specialists in Community Medicine (Information), and the Association of Medical Records Officers.
- 2 Literature review.
- 3 Seeking information about projects through requests published in the journals Medical Record and Update.
- 4 Selection of projects for inclusion in the gazetteer, using the criterion that a project should be concerned with the development of medical records or information systems designed to improve patient care.

Presentation of results: Publication of the gazetteer as a King's Fund project paper.
Follow-up conferences and seminars.

Evaluation criteria: None stated.

KF coordinators: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre;
K Morton, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.

See also MAN 9103

ALBERT EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF RELATIVITY

Special Relativity is the first part of the theory, dealing with the laws of physics in inertial frames of reference.

General Relativity extends the theory to include acceleration and gravity, showing that gravity is a curvature of spacetime.

The theory predicts that the speed of light is constant in all inertial frames, and that time and space are relative.

Key predictions include time dilation, length contraction, and the equivalence principle.

General Relativity has been confirmed by numerous experiments, including the bending of light by gravity and the precession of Mercury's orbit.

The theory is a cornerstone of modern physics and has led to the development of cosmology and the understanding of black holes.

It also provides a framework for understanding the universe on a large scale, from the expansion of the universe to the structure of galaxies.

The theory is a beautiful example of how a simple idea can lead to profound discoveries about the nature of reality.

It is a testament to the power of human intellect and the pursuit of knowledge.

The theory is a masterpiece of scientific thought and a source of inspiration for generations to come.

It is a work of art as well as a work of science, and it has changed the way we see the world.

The theory is a gift to humanity, and it is a privilege to study and understand it.

It is a work of genius, and it is a joy to be a part of the scientific community that has created it.

The theory is a source of pride and a source of hope, and it is a testament to the human spirit.

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See also

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KING'S FUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MAN 8487
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Project: A study of the work role of medical records officers.

Starting date: May 1975.

Planned duration: 3 years.

Funds allocated: £19,453.

Project leader: J G Myson, Honorary Secretary, Association of Health Care Information and Medical Records Officers.

Project officer: R J G Le Hunte, Inbucon/AIC Management Consultants.

Project base: King's Fund Centre.

Objectives:

- 1 To investigate the role and function of the medical records officer in the supervision and operation of hospital medical records systems, and the requirements for specialist training.
- 2 To study in greater depth what measures might most effectively be introduced to achieve changes of practice shown to be necessary by the preliminary investigation.

Methodology:

- 1 Six health districts, in England, Scotland and Wales, were visited and interviews were held with medical records staff, medical and nursing staff in hospitals, health service administrators, and general practitioners.
- 2 Using the findings from the first phase, the second phase is a development project exploring ways and means of strengthening and improving medical records services in the future.

Presentation of results: Written reports to the King's Fund.

Evaluation criteria: None stated.

KF coordinator: K Morton, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.

KING'S FUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MAN 8604
MAN 8972

Project: Medical Services Study Group.

Starting date: May 1976.

Planned duration: 5 years.

Funds allocated: £42,000. Plus £120,000

Project leader: Sir Cyril Clarke, Director, Medical Services Study Group, c/o King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF.

Project officer: Prof AGW Whitfield, Assistant Director, Medical Services Study Group; address above.

Project base: King's Fund Centre.

Objectives: To examine deaths and other medical disasters which should be preventable, to define as far as possible why they were not prevented, and thus to reduce the chances of similar misfortunes happening again.

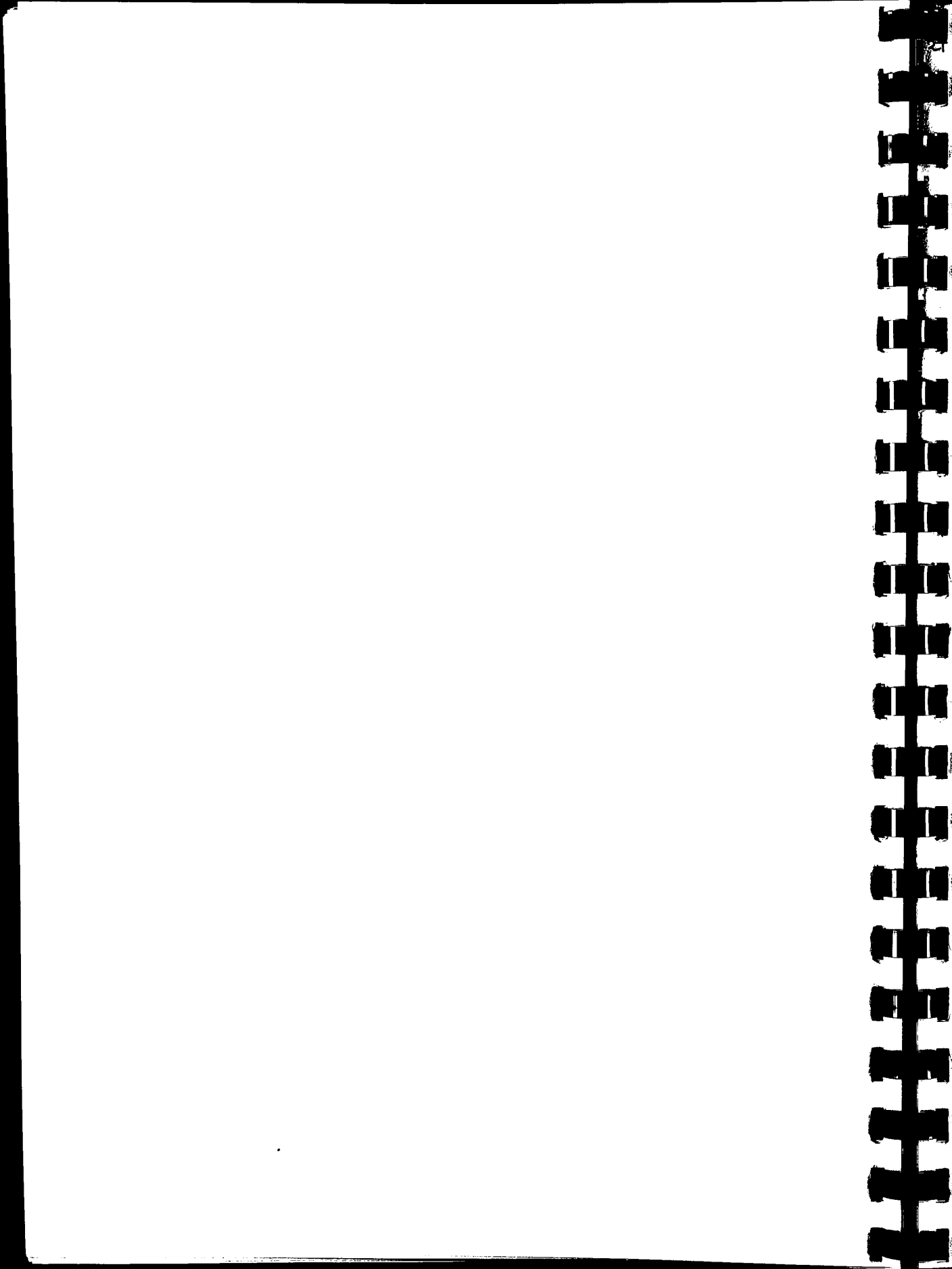
Methodology: As a first step a small unit was accommodated at the King's Fund Centre to devise ways and means of achieving the objectives of the project.

Presentation of results: Written reports, copies of which are received by the King's Fund; the publication of papers in the professional journals.

Evaluation criteria: None stated.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.

Note: This project is being carried out in collaboration with the Royal College of Physicians.



Project: Hospital engineers - bursary awards.

Starting date: October 1976.

Planned duration: To be reviewed after three years.

Funds allocated: £500 each year.

Project leader: J E Furness, Secretary, The Institute of Hospital Engineering, 20 Landport Terrace, Southsea, Hants.

Project officer:

Project base: The Institute of Hospital Engineering.

Objectives: To establish an annual bursary which will enable a hospital engineer to broaden his or her knowledge by overseas travel or by obtaining further training or industrial experience of particular relevance.

Methodology: An engineer is selected annually by a small panel representing The Institute of Hospital Engineering and the King's Fund.

Presentation of results: Reports are presented to the King's Fund by recipients of bursaries after their overseas visits or other activities.

Evaluation criteria: None stated.

KF coordinator: D M Hands, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre. (S E T Cusdin is the King's Fund representative on the panel mentioned above).



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Project: The development and evaluation of a modified A4 record system.

Starting date: June 1977.

Planned duration: Two years.

Funds allocated: £4,950.

Project leader: Dr Ian Tait, Principal in General Practice, 45 Park Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Project officer:

Project base: Dr Tait's practice, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Objectives: To develop and evaluate a modified A4 record system for use in general practice that will allow letters and reports to be filed flat while continuing to use the present size of record cards for recording important background information and for day to day clinical notes.

Methodology: The clinical notes of a group practice (4,500 patients) will be converted to the modified A4 record system.

The conversion will be studied to establish likely norms for the use of space, equipment, finance, time and professional skills entailed.

An information service and instructions about the adoption and use of the system will be developed. This will include an illustrated handbook and an audio-visual package for self instruction.

Presentation of results: Project report to King's Fund; Articles for professional journals; Production of instructional literature.

Evaluation criteria: The proposed system will be evaluated in use and optimum methods defined.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.

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The clinical notes of a group practice will be converted to the modified system.

The conversion will be carried out in accordance with norms for the use of space, equipment, and professional skills.

An information service and training will be provided. This will include an audio-visual package for self-instruction and use of the system will be encouraged.

Project report to King's Fund, articles for professional journals, production of instructional material.

The proposed system will be evaluated in terms of optimum methods defined.

W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund.

Project:

Duration:

Cost:

Principal:

Location:

Project base:

Objectives:

Methodology:

Publication of results:

Evaluation criteria:

Director:

KING'S FUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MAN 8748
PRO 80/45

Project: Training ward sisters - experimental ward.

Starting date: October 1978.

Planned duration: 3 - 5 years.

Funds allocated: £75 000

Project leader: Miss H O Allen, Assistant Director,
King's Fund Centre.

Project officer: Miss C Davies, Project Assistant,
King's Fund Centre.

Project bases: Whipps Cross Hospital; Guy's Hospital.

Objectives: To provide specific training for nurses to become
ward sisters.

Methodology: Training wards for the purpose will be set up at
Whipps Cross Hospital and Guy's Hospital. Each
ward will be provided with a nurse-tutor as well
as an experienced ward sister in order to help to
define a model for ward sister training which might
be used within the Area Health Authority.

Presentation
of results: To be determined.

Evaluation criteria: As prescribed by the Research Unit, Chelsea College.

KF coordinator: Miss H O Allen, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.

KING'S FUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MAN 8812
MAN 9101

Project: Childhood accident prevention.
Starting date: March 1978.
Planned duration: 4 years
Funds allocated: £48 200
Project leader: Dr R H Jackson
Project officer: Mrs Jean Gaffin
Project base: Child Accident Prevention Committee
c/o Faculty of Clinical Sciences, School of Medicine
University College London, University St, London WC1E 6JJ

Objectives: To form a Joint Committee on Childhood Accident Prevention, consisting of representatives of government departments, medical bodies, and other organisations concerned with childhood accident prevention. The committee's terms of reference to be:

- 1 To encourage investigation and research so as to increase our knowledge of the pattern of accidents in childhood and about the deeper causes of accidents.
- 2 To promote the production of safety equipment and to campaign for a better understanding of the importance of an adequate environment and for national laws aiming at a safer home environment.
- 3 To spread information on childhood accidents and on different types of risks and ways of preventing them.

Methodology:

- 1 The collecting, coordinating and collating of information about work done in this field.
- 2 The initiating and supporting of research into the causes and types of childhood accidents and into their social and psychological causes and effects.
- 3 The ascertaining of factors in these accidents which are modifiable and by what means they can be altered.
- 4 The dissemination of information to appropriate national and local bodies, and to groups of people with a view to action being taken.
- 5 The examination of the effectiveness of accident prevention programmes.
- 6 The increasing of public awareness of the problems through the media and through publications.
- 7 The supporting (and not supplanting) of existing organisations working in this field.

Presentation of results: Not specified.

Evaluation criteria: None stated.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.

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KING'S FUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MAN 8817

MAN 8935

- Project: Fellowship for retired NHS staff.
- Starting date: September 1978.
- Planned duration: 2 years
- Funds allocated: £20,000.
- Project leader: David James, Department of Adult Education,
University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey.
- Project officer: D A J Simmonds, Project Officer (Research Fellow),
Department of Adult Education; address above.
- Project base: Department of Adult Education; address above.
- Objectives: To help ex NHS staff to help themselves by:
- 1 Providing the means of establishing and maintaining friendships, and assisting in overcoming loneliness and worry.
 - 2 Providing a visiting service to housebound people.
 - 3 Enabling former NHS staff, regardless of grade or discipline, to meet in a social and friendly atmosphere.
- Methodology:
- 1 The setting up of study groups, made up of interested people willing to work together, to share experiences and mutually support each other, in developing and maintaining schemes and forming their own conclusions as to their usefulness.
 - 2 Surveying schemes already in existence both within and outside the NHS.
 - 3 In the light of experiments with the pilot groups, and by using appropriate sampling techniques, assessing the range of diversity of need experienced by certain groups of NHS staff on a national basis.
- Presentation of results:
- 1 Regular reports in appropriate professional journals.
 - 2 Informally via all associated with the work.
 - 3 Selected associate workers speaking and writing about their work,
 - 4 Conferences, seminars and workshops.
- Evaluation criteria: The steering committee is expected to measure progress according to agreed yardsticks.
- KF coordinators: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre;
Miss D Irish, Long Term Care Team, King's Fund Centre.

Project: An experimental one year course in remedial therapy.

Starting date: October 1978.

Planned duration: 3 years.

Funds allocated: £18,000.

Project leader: Professor H J Glanville MRCP, Professor of Rehabilitation, University of Southampton, General Hospital, Tremona Road, Southampton SO9 4XY.

Project officer:

Project base: General Hospital, Southampton; address above.

Objectives: To hold three diploma courses of one year each, the first to begin in October 1978.

The courses will be open to members of the professions supplementary to medicine.

The courses will be designed to widen the students knowledge of practical skills and philosophies in all branches of the remedial professions.

- to develop skills in research and critical appraisal
- to enlarge knowledge of management methods
- to develop leadership and teaching skills.

Methodology: There will be approximately 12 students on each course.

Students will be given an opportunity to explore their attitudes to colleagues in all professions.

They will work with difficult and disturbed patients.

The best students will be given an opportunity to proceed to an M.Sc. degree.

Presentation of results: Report to the King's Fund.

Evaluation criteria: None stated.

KF coordinator: G A Phalp, Secretary to King's Fund, 14 Palace Court.



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Project: The language barrier.

Starting date: May 1978. This is a continuation of earlier work sponsored by the King's Fund.

Planned duration: 3 years.

Funds allocated: £18 000

Project leader: Ms Alix Henley, Pathway Further Education Centre, Recreation Road, Southall, Middlesex.

Project officer:

Project base: Pathway Further Education Centre; address as above.

Objectives:

- 1 To prepare and produce a training package for health service professionals whose work requires them to overcome difficulties created by language problems in dealing with Asian patients.
- 2 To devise methods for training people who have to teach others how to overcome problems of the language barrier.

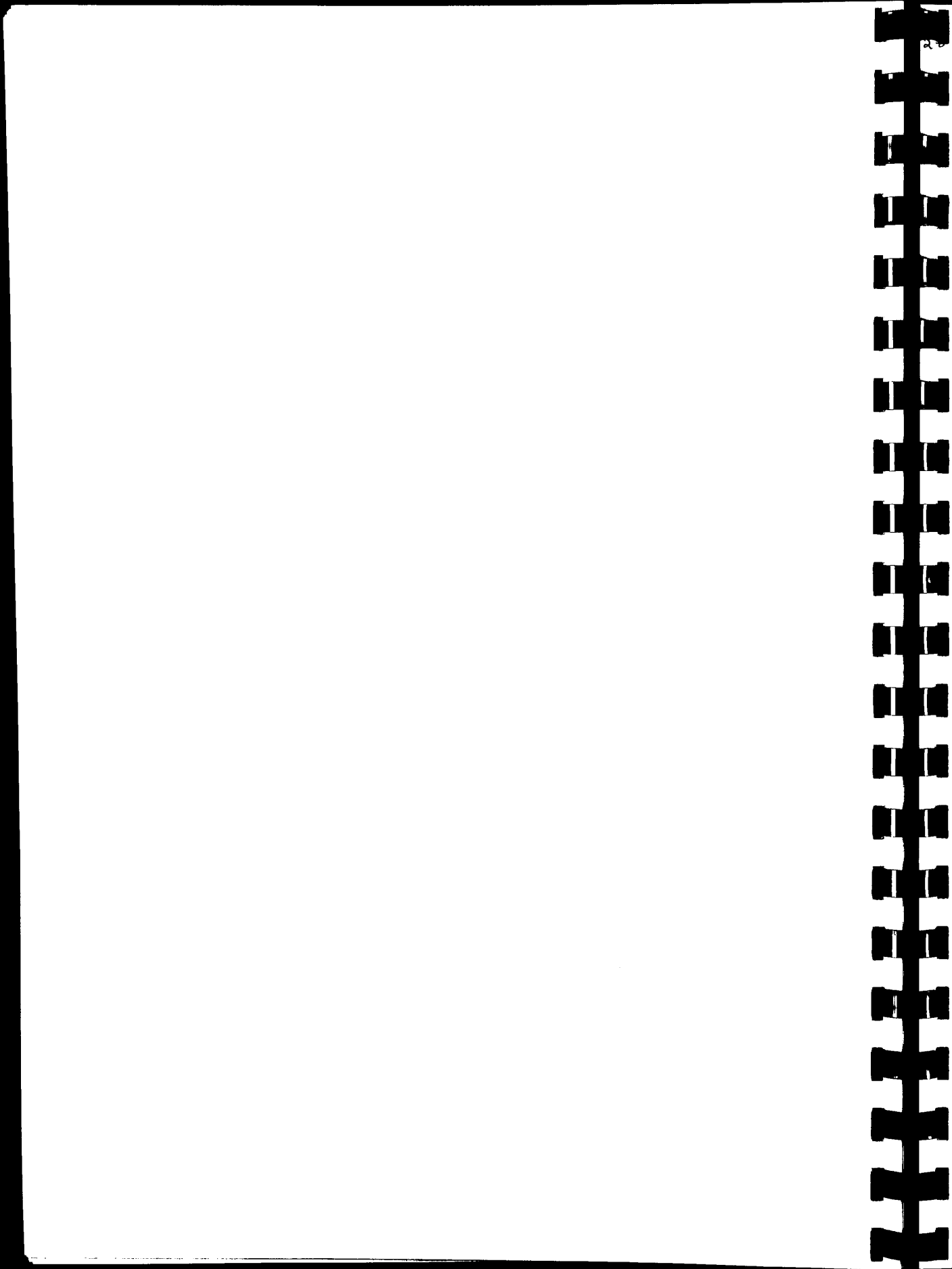
Methodology:

- 1 Examine current training methods and systems, and work out how the package would fit in with these.
- 2 Put material into an accessible and useful form.
- 3 Develop methods of presentation.
- 4 Work out ways in which trainers can extend their own knowledge and expertise.
- 5 Make trial runs of courses to be taught throughout the two years.
- 6 Produce final packages.
- 7 Make packages available to trainers.

Presentation of results: Marketable packages.

Evaluation criteria: None stated.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: Working papers of the Royal Commission on the NHS

Starting date: October 1980

Planned duration: One year

Funds allocated: £7,500

Project leader: Ms Christine Farrell,
Reader in Applied Social Studies,
Polytechnic of North London, Ladbroke House,
Highbury Grove, London N5 2AD

Project officer: Ms Rosemary Davies,
Polytechnic of North London, Ladbroke House,
Highbury Grove, London N5 2AD

Project base: North London Polytechnic

Objectives: To arrange, edit and update for publication 'The Working
Papers of the Royal Commission on the NHS'.

To publish these in the form of pamphlets and books
during 1980

Methodology: An introductory pamphlet will be written setting out
the purpose of the series and giving basic facts about
The Royal Commission.

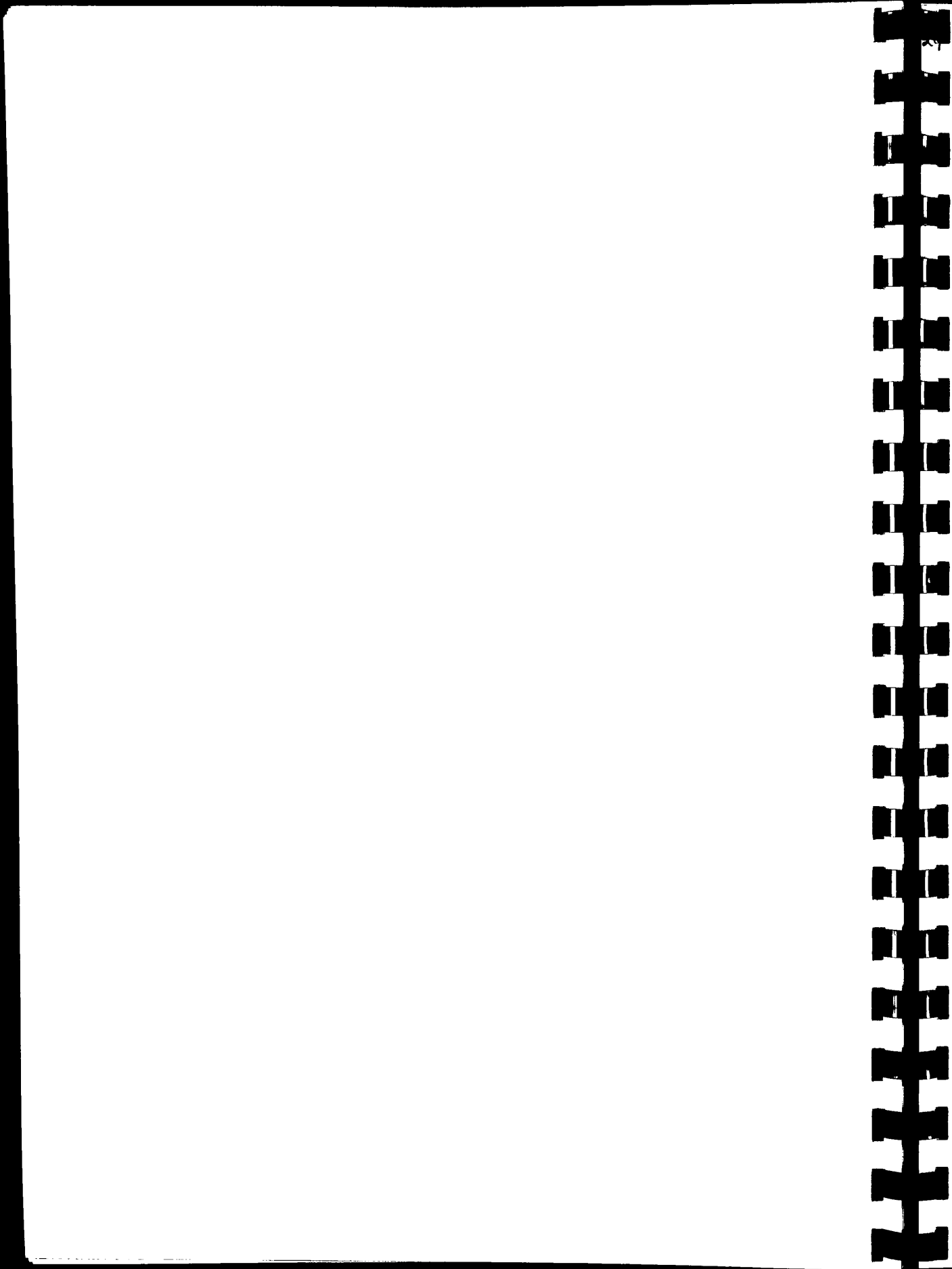
The material, which already exists, will then be arranged
into topics. Probably some ten pamphlets will be
prepared on subjects which will include Dentistry,
Private Practice, Rehabilitation and the Elderly.

The books, if this form is selected, will be collections
of papers on subjects such as Primary Health Care,
Management and Finance in the NHS, Staff in the NHS.

**Presentation
of results:** King's Fund Centre project papers,
Books published by the King's Fund.

Evaluation criteria: Sales

KF Coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: Commissioning Hospital Buildings

Starting date: January 1980

Planned duration: 2 years

Funds allocated: £3,500

Project leader: David Hands,
Assistant Director,
King's Fund Centre.

Project officer: Graham Millard
District Administrator,
Harrow Health District.

Project base: King's Fund Centre

Objectives: To review the present (1975) edition of the King's
Fund Publication 'Commissioning Hospital Buildings'
in the light of developments since reorganisation
of the NHS in 1974 and to produce a new edition.

Methodology: 1. Discussion within multidisciplinary working
party established for the purpose.
2. Field work survey of recently commissioned projects

Presentation
of results: New edition of King's Fund Publication

Evaluation criteria: Sales of new edition of publication and extent
to which it becomes accepted as authoritative
guidance on the subject.

KF Coordinator: David Hands, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre

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Project: Toynbee Hall/Senior Care and Leisure Centre

Starting date: April 1980

Planned duration: 2 years

Funds allocated: £10,000

Project leader: John Profumo,
The Universities' Settlement in East London,
Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Road, London E1 6LS

Project officer: Olive Wagstaff,
Director of the Senior Care and Leisure Centre

Project base: Toynbee Hall

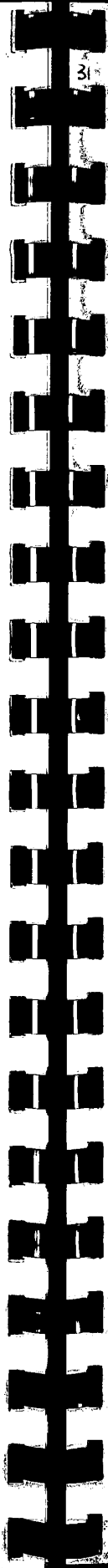
Objectives: To provide a Centre in order to offer an opportunity for the elderly to live independently and to encourage and enable them to contribute to society rather than depend upon it. The Centre would be open to both those living in Toynbee Hall and outside.

Methodology: To operate a day Centre from Monday to Friday, to provide lunches and activities including a work room, suitable for simple employment including toy and candle making, metal work etc.

Presentation of results: Not specified

Evaluation criteria: None stated

KF Coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre



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Project: 'For Good'

Starting date: July 1980

Planned duration: One month

Funds allocated: £1,000

Project leader: Mr G Wilson
Director
RADAR

Project officer:

Project base: RADAR (Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation)
25 Mortimer Street, London W1N 8AB

Objectives: The production of further prints of a film (16 mm)
concerning the day to day living of disabled people
to enable a wider distribution of it to hospitals
and rehabilitation units for the benefit of staff
and patients

Methodology: Distribution will be through the Concorde Films
Council Ltd

Presentation
of results: N/A

Evaluation
criteria: Use made of the film

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre

Project: Innovations in Medical Records in the United Kingdom
Gazetteer - University of Nottingham

Starting date: January 1981

Planned duration: See previous project Man 8378

Funds allocated: £1 200

Project leader:

Project officer:

Project base:

Objectives: To produce a second edition of this Gazetteer
'Innovations in Medical Records'.
(second series)

Methodology:

Presentation
of results: K F Project Paper

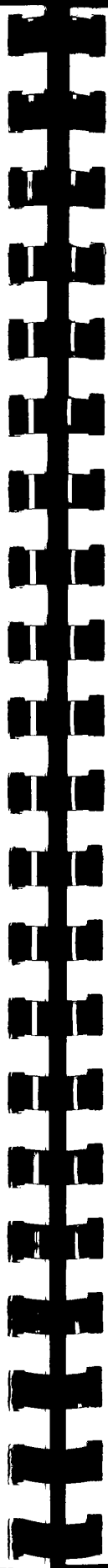
Evaluation criteria:

KF coordinator: K Morton, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre

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- Project:** A mobile assessment unit for handicapped children.
- Starting date:** November 1978.
- Planned duration:** 3 years.
- Funds allocated:** £41,893.
- Project leader:** Professor K S Holt, Department of Developmental Paediatrics, Institute of Child Health, London.
- Project officer:** Professor K S Holt.
- Project base:** Institute of Child Health, University of London.
- Objectives:**
- 1 To determine the role of a mobile unit in relation to the overall plans for providing effective services for handicapped children.
 - 2 To plan and carry out the conversion of a double deck bus into a mobile unit.
 - 3 To evaluate the work and to make recommendations for future development and arrangement of services.
- Methodology:** A full statement is available; in summary:
- Two activities will be pursued simultaneously -
- 1 Discussions with colleagues and health authorities to determine the requirements and possible role of the mobile unit, followed by the working out of detailed plans of operation according to the wishes of the individuals responsible in each locality.
 - 2 Planning and designing the conversion of the bus as a mobile unit.
- When the bus is operational all activities of the mobile unit will be monitored.
- Presentation of results:**
- 1 A written report to the King's Fund.
 - 2 The publication of papers in appropriate professional journals.
- Evaluation criteria:**
- 1 Descriptive report of the bus conversion with reasons for all items included.
 - 2 Descriptive report of all activities undertaken. Activities will be itemised so that it will be possible to determine their clinical effectiveness and their cost.
 - 3 Comparison with alternative arrangements.
- KF coordinator:** Mrs J Rush, Project Officer, King's Fund Centre.



Project: Equipment for the handicapped: a survey of UK resources.

Starting date: March 1979.

Planned duration: 1 year.

Funds allocated: £6,250.

Project leader: Professor Cairns Atkin, Rehabilitation Studies Unit, University Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Princess Margaret Rose Orthopaedic Hospital, Fairmilehead, Edinburgh EH10 7ED.

Project officer: J G Duncan, Project Officer, Rehabilitation Studies Unit (address as above).

Project base: Rehabilitation Studies Unit (address as above).

Objectives: (This is a joint project of the King's Fund and the National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases)

To investigate the need for a UK organisation to carry out functions performed by the Institute for the Handicapped in Bromma, Sweden, and to indicate whether or not the establishment of such an organisation would be feasible in terms of support from representatives of the physically handicapped and their advisers.

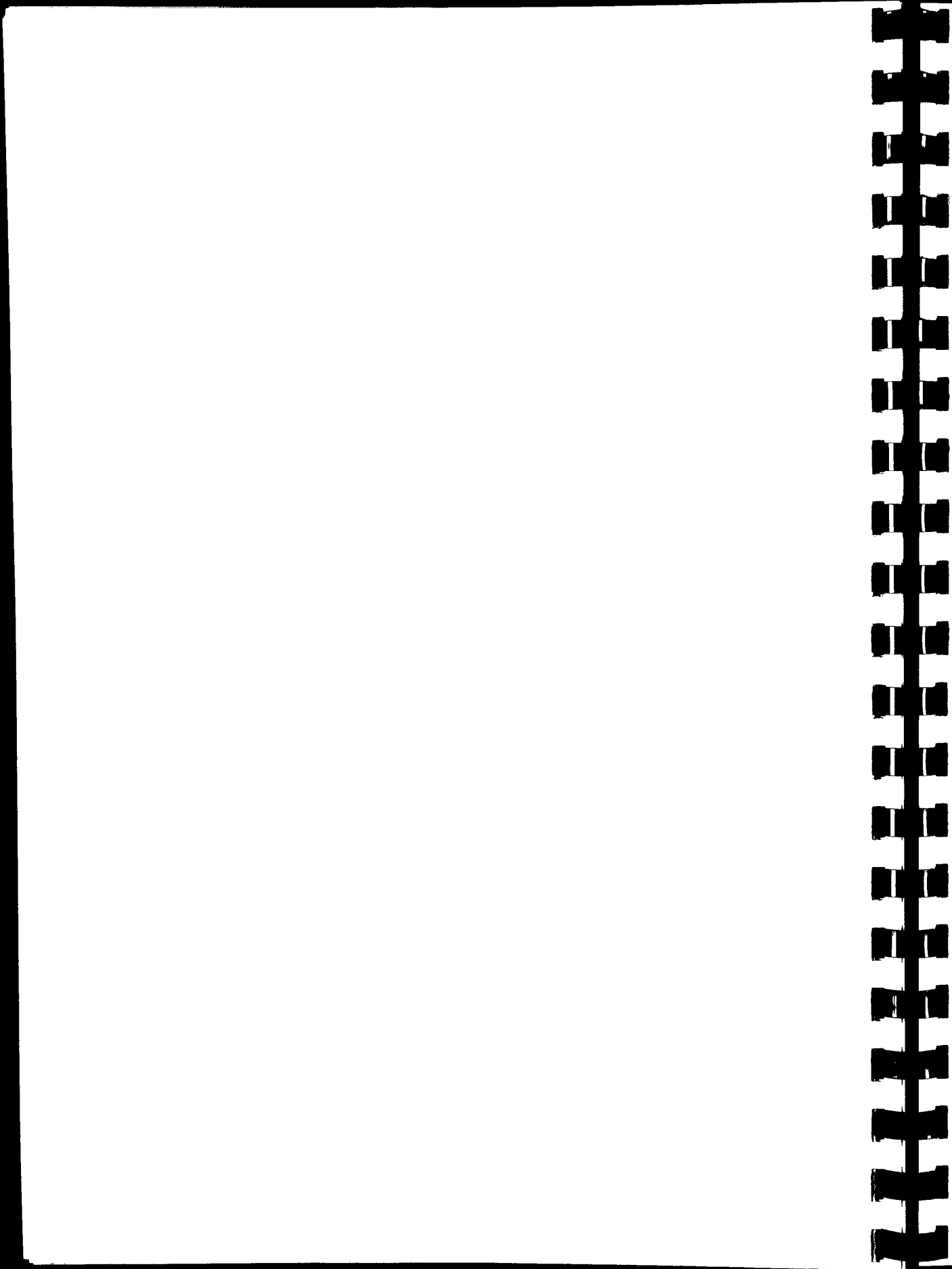
Methodology: During the first year, the period to be financed by the King's Fund, the project officer will gather material from the many agencies working for the handicapped and involved in the provision of equipment for them. This will be done by personal visits and by correspondence.

At the end of this period and for a further year or two, the arguments for various courses of action will be set out and a recommendation made. An outline plan for implementing the recommendation will be prepared, giving in broad terms the numbers of staff, the scale of accommodation, and the level of financing required.

Presentation of results: Written report to the funding bodies.

Evaluation criteria: Not discussed at this stage.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: A4 size stationery for general practitioners.

Starting date: October 1978.

Planned duration: Approximately 2 years.

Funds allocated: £20,000.

Project leader: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.

Project officer:

Project base: King's Fund Centre.

Objectives:

- 1 To enable between 30 and 40 general practices in the UK to begin the transfer of their most heavily used clinical records to stationery of A4 size.
- 2 To increase the numbers, and therefore the experience, of those who have made this change with the view later of holding conferences on the benefits that follow.

Methodology:

Each general practice will be required to submit a plan and timetable for the change over.

Each general practice will be asked to agree to participate in subsequent discussions.

Presentation of results: Through conferences and/or the publication of papers in professional journals.

Evaluation criteria: None stated.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.

KLING'S BROWN PROJECT

Project description and details including location, scope, and objectives.

Project goals and expected outcomes.

Project timeline and key milestones.

Project budget and resource allocation.

Project risks and mitigation strategies.

Project conclusion and final remarks.

Project: Handbook for members of health authorities.

Starting date: February/March 1979.

Planned duration: 1 year in the first instance.

Funds allocated: £18,000.

Project leader: W E Hall, Secretary, National Association of Health Authorities.

Project officer: W E Hall (as above).

Project base: National Association of Health Authorities, Park House, 40 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2RT.

Objectives: To produce, in a concise and readable form, and probably in a loose-leaf format, a guide for members of health authorities in the UK, on subjects which arise in connection with the running of the National Health Service.

Methodology: Each article will have two functions: to give a simple exposition of requirements and procedures; and to point objectively to some of the difficulties that have to be borne in mind by those planning and running the service.

There will be five categories of article:

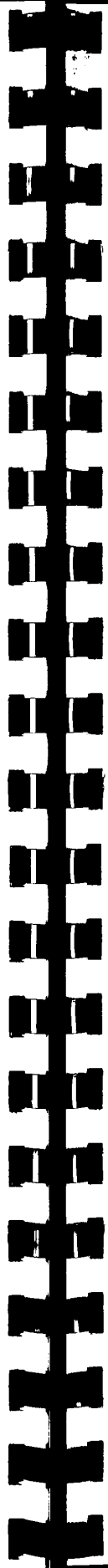
- 1 The structure and broad management concepts of the service.
- 2 An explanation of terms and processes involved in running the service.
- 3 A description of the role of the central authority (the DHSS) and a commentary on the NHS in its relation to Government.
- 4 Special aspects of the service with particular reference to its contact with the patient.
- 5 Subjects of topical interest.

Presentation of results: A loose-leaf handbook having regular supplements.

Evaluation criteria: Comments from members of health authorities will be sought and, as the project will be a continuing one, changes will be made where appropriate as further supplements are prepared.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.

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Project: A community care service for diabetics.

Starting date: February 1979.

Planned duration: 2 years.

Funds allocated: £21,208.

Project leader: Dr R D Hill MB FRCP, Consultant Physician,
Poole General Hospital, Poole, Dorset.

Project officer: Dr R D Hill (as above).

Project base: Poole General Hospital.

Objectives: To test the feasibility of setting-up a central computer register of diabetic patients. This will be used together with the measurement of interval blood sugars to assess:

- 1 The frequency of follow-up, and
- 2 the degree of control in patients looked after predominantly by their general practitioners, and also those looked after predominantly by the hospital diabetic clinic.

Methodology:

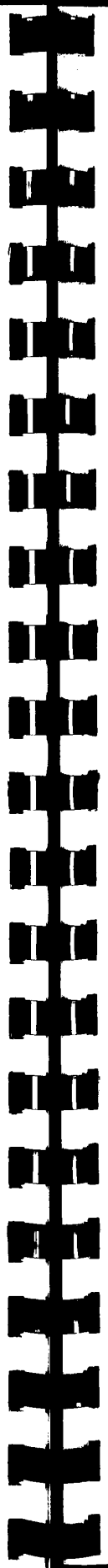
- 1 A register of all patients with diabetes in the Poole area has already been set up. The information is on punched cards.
- 2 The cards will be used to compile a central diabetic register on a cassette memory.
- 3 All blood sugars are measured in the Biochemistry Department at Poole General Hospital to provide information on follow-up and standards of control. This information will be fed into the cassette memory and matched with patients.
- 4 At specified intervals the computer will list patients by general practitioner, giving details of interval blood sugars and the dates on which they were measured.
- 5 The Diabetic Clinic will be provided with an overall picture of the standard of control being exercised. Each general practitioner will be provided with information about his patients with poor control or who are not being followed-up.

Presentation of results: A series of papers to various diabetics bodies, and papers for publication in professional journals.

Evaluation criteria: General practitioners in the area will be consulted about the value of the information obtained, in terms of patient care and follow-up.

A full analysis of the clinical data stored on the punched cards will be undertaken and this will provide valuable epidemiological information.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: Survey of District Planning Teams in England.

Starting date: July 1979.

Planned duration: 1 year.

Funds allocated: £10,500.

Project leaders: Dr W E Kearns, District Community Physician,
North West District, Department of Community Medicine,
11 South Wharf Road, London W2 1PE.
Mrs P Mullen, Lecturer, University of Birmingham,
Health Services Management Centre, Park House,
40 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2RT.

Project officer: Mrs K M Murray-Sykes, Research Assistant, North West
District; address as for Dr Kearns.

Project base: Department of Community Medicine, North West District;
address above.

Objectives:

- 1 To secure an improvement in the contribution of District Planning Teams to the local planning of services and by that means to achieve a better service for the consumer.
- 2 To find out how planning teams are really working in Districts and Single-District Areas throughout England.
- 3 To provide information which will enable Districts and Single-District Areas to review the work of their planning teams in a wider context, to be aware of successful and unsuccessful methods when setting up new teams, and to find out about alternative methods of planning.
- 4 To discover the place of planning teams in the NHS planning system, the relationship of District Planning Teams with Joint Care Planning Teams, and the role of DCPs, GPs, Social Services, CHCs (and other groups, if time permits) in planning.

Methodology:

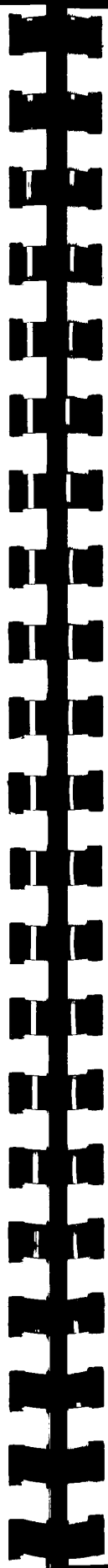
- 1 Pilot studies of Districts and Single-District Areas, by postal questionnaires.
- 2 Literature review.
- 3 Analysis of questionnaires by computer.
- 4 Selective interviews in Districts and Areas.

Presentation of results: Lectures and seminars; workshops; publication of papers.

Evaluation criteria:

- 1 By measuring the amount of success in assembling new information.
- 2 The extent to which the information is used, and the improvement in the work of planning teams.

KF coordinator: D M Hands, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: Peer teaching in health education

Starting date: February 1979

Planned duration: 1 year

Funds allocated: £5,150

Project leader: Diane Plamping, Senior Dental Officer, Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Area Health Authority (Teaching)

Project officer: Diane Plamping (as above)

Project base: Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham AHA(T), The Royal Eye Hospital, St George's Circus, London SE1 OBA

Objectives:

- 1 To assess the feasibility of using a group of children to give dental health information to their peers
- 2 To extend the range of topics which child teachers in the health club teach, for example, diet
- 3 To identify new settings
- 4 To develop new teaching materials
- 5 To measure the pupil children's knowledge before and after the teaching given by the child teachers
- 6 To monitor the effect of these experiences on all those involved
- 7 To continue the education of the child teachers
- 8 To examine ways of extending the project into other areas

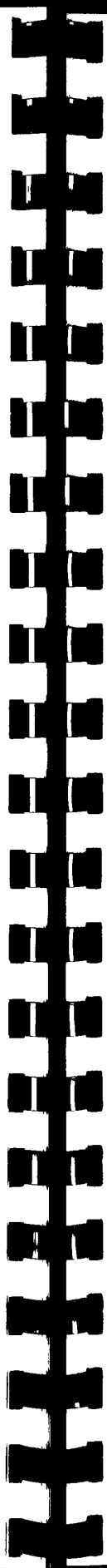
Methodology: The children will continue to meet weekly in their health club and there will be special holiday health events. People who have already worked with the club - for example, dental health educators, will work as helpers, and a coordinator will be appointed

Presentation of results: A report will be published, possibly by the King's Fund Centre, and made available to appropriate professional bodies concerned with health and education, and to their professional journals

Evaluation criteria: None stated

KF coordinator: Miss H O Allen, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre

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- Project:** The application of computer indexing to the operation of an N H S pharmacy based drug information centre.
- Starting date:** 1 June 1979.
- Planned duration:** 2 years.
- Funds allocated:** £16,000 over 2 years.
- Project leader:** Mrs Bronwen Davies, BPharm., MSc., MPS.
Principal Pharmacist (Drug Information) Guy's Hospital.
- Project officer:** Miss Christine Adams, Pharmacist, Drug Information Centre, Guy's Hospital.
- Project base:** Regional Drug Information Centre, Guy's Hospital.
- Objectives:**
1. To provide a computer generated coordinate index for sources of information acquired by the drug information centre, for use in dealing with enquiries.
 2. To provide to other UK drug information centres a microfilmed computer-generated index to the national drug information abstract which are prepared by cooperation amongst all the regional drug information centres.
 3. To construct a model for the development of the national abstracts into a computer - based data bank.
- Methodology:**
1. Investigation (already in progress) of the feasibility of the project by a pharmacist who is also trained in information science.
 2. The development of a file capable of holding all current production of national abstracts and monthly updating of the file.
 3. The development of computer programmes to handle the work, using a terminal linked with a computer at University College Computer Centre.
 4. The creation of a file for use in processing in-house answers to enquiries.
 5. The production of a computer-generated index to the national abstracts file and the enquiry answers file.
 6. The production of a microfilmed version of the index for distribution to other UK drug information centres.
- Presentation of results:**
1. Introduction of new methods will provide a demonstration of results.
 2. Reports in professional journals.
 3. Presentations at relevant conferences and meetings.
- Evaluation criteria:**
1. Qualitative changes in the level of service will be assessed by monitoring the service given at the drug information centre at Guy's Hospital.
 2. Changes in the distribution of the national abstracts, following centralised indexing, will be monitored and assessed.
 3. The Guy's scheme will be evaluated in terms of its future progression to a national computerised data base.
- KF Coordinator:** Keith Morton, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.



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Project: Colostomy Ileostomy and Urostomy - A study of the late effects of having a stoma

Starting date: 1 August 1979

Planned duration: 2 years

Funds allocated: £10,000

Project leader: Ian P Todd MS MD FRCS
Consultant Surgeon
St Bartholomews & St Marks Hospitals

Project officer: Miss Kay F Neale SRN
Project Assistant
c/o The Medical College
St Bartholomew's Hospital
London EC1

Project base: St Bartholomew's and St Mark's Hospitals, in association with the Departments of Stoma therapy

Objectives: To study patients at home and their relationships to family after leaving hospital: to study effect of stomatherapy and to assess those trained in the work itself

Methodology: To appoint and brief a project officer
To draw up a list of patients to be questioned
To prepare a proforma of questions to be answered by patients
To collect data, to assess, with the help of a statistician and a computer and to present results

Presentation of results: Critical Assessment of the work carried out
Papers to appropriate societies - Articles in journals
A PhD thesis by the Project officer

Evaluation criteria: Statistical evaluation

K F Coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre

KING'S FUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRO 79/28

(See MAN 8677/iii)

Project: National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital

Starting date: 2 October 1979

Planned duration: 1 Year

Funds allocated: £9,000

Project leader: Mrs. Sheila Gatiss, Chairman, National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital, Exton House, 7 Exton Street, London SE1 8UE

Project officer: Jocelyn Rodin SRN ONC Research Officer, National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital: Christine Andrews B.Ed (Hons) Educational Advisor Research Project, National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital.

Project base: School of Graphic Design - Kingston Polytechnic

Objectives: To continue the work of the previous project for one year:

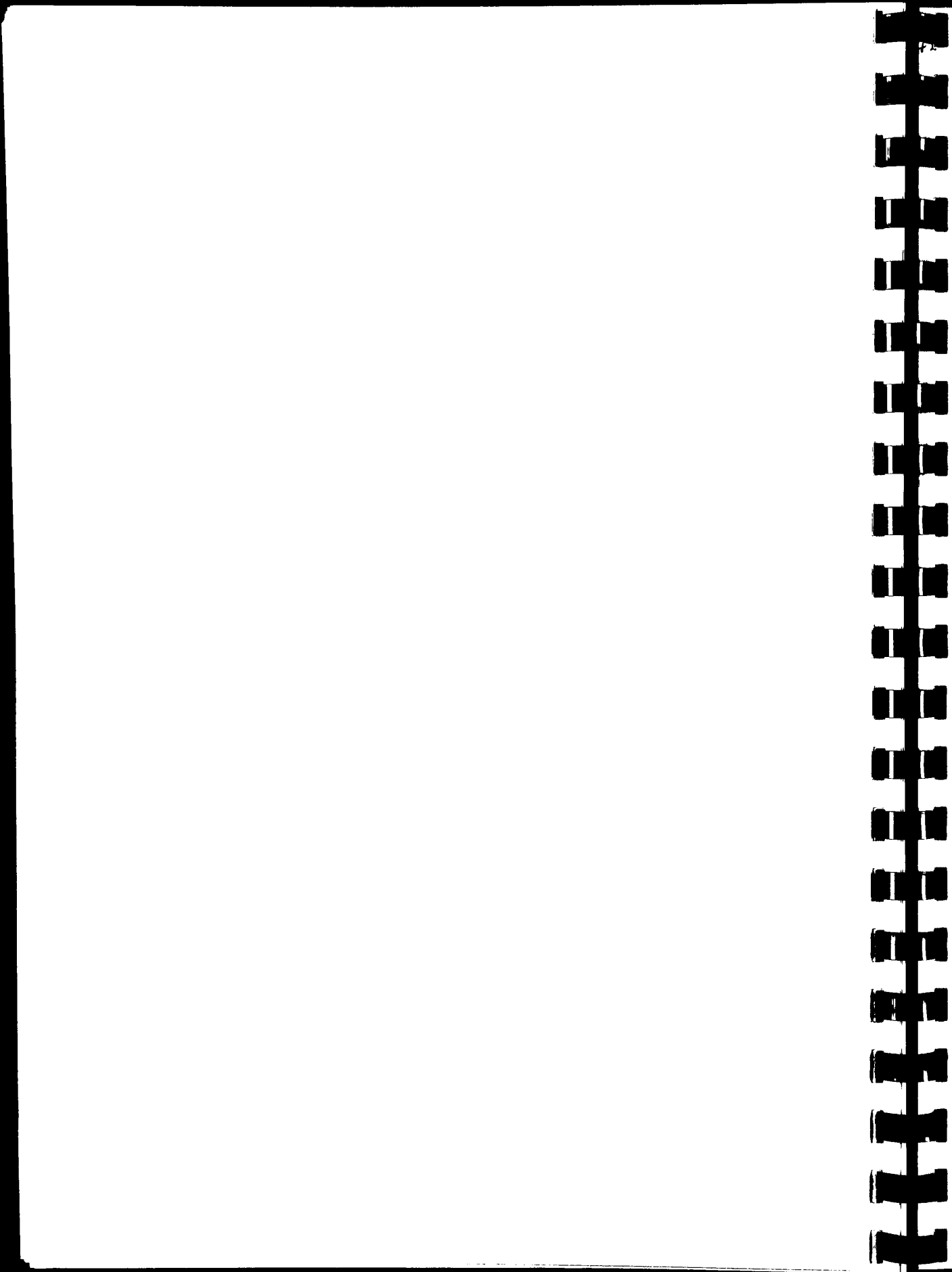
1. To produce educational material to familiarise children with the general routine of what goes on in hospitals.
2. To examine and assess the response from children and teachers, and to modify the educational games produced as necessary
3. To publicise the material developed from the project.

Methodology: By continuing to employ the staff employed on the project for a further year in order to complete the work of developing visual aids and the production of games and cut-outs.

Presentation of results: Printed report
Exhibition and Conference at K F Centre

Evaluation criteria: By testing the material produced on both English and non-English speaking children, both in this country and abroad

KF Coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre



Project: User related financial information system.

Starting date: July 1979.

Planned duration: Two years (continuing without interruption existing project (q.v.))

Funds allocated: £19,400.

Project leader: The District Administrator,
St Thomas' Hospital.

Project officer: R. Lincoln,
Assistant Finance Officer,
St. Thomas' Hospital.

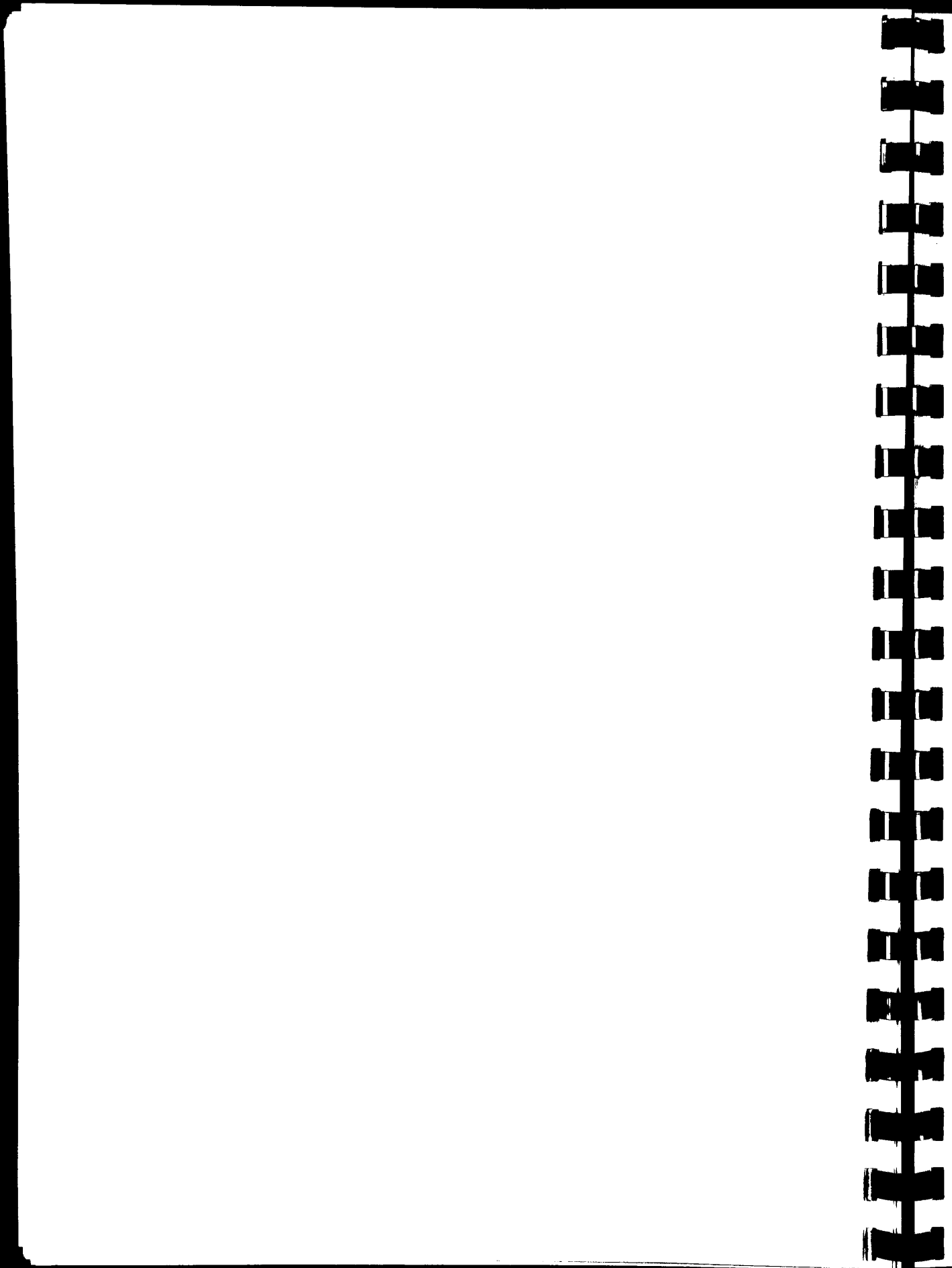
Project base: St. Thomas' Hospital.

Objectives:

1. Set up parallel speciality budgets based on information available to the project team. Those budgets will of course be guesstimates in some instances and any monthly comparative reports produced will only be used by the project team or the Steering Committee in the first instance.
2. Implementation of a system of data recording within diagnostic and para medical departments which in all instances is capable of being re-arranged on a monthly basis into information to be used as a monitoring/influencing mechanism.
3. The project team will need to be involved in discussions relating to management changes within the district.
4. Basic financial, stores and supplies systems, operating within the District need to be investigated and reported upon and geared towards:- maintenance of manufacturing accounts; commitment accounting; centralised creditor control etc.
5. The project team needs to establish on-going working relationships with the Departments of Health Service Planning and of Computing Science.
6. Investigate the possibility of linking expenditure information resulting from SAS with the in-patient statistics captured in the District's in-house computer.
7. Close liaison should be established with the SAS Implementation Team at West Midlands RHA, in relation to Phase II of the System.
8. Carry out a feasibility study into the possibility of further analysing expenditure to treatments/procedures.

Methodology: As with earlier project.

Presentation of results: As with earlier project



KING'S FUND PROJECT COMMITTEE

PRO 79/44
(See Man 8832)

Project: Asian names and N H S records.

Starting date: September 1979.

Planned duration: 1 year.

Funds allocated: £6,750.

Project leader: Miss. Alix Henley.
Pathway Further Education Centre,
Recreation Road, Southall, Middx.

Project officer: Collette Taylor.

Project base: Pathway Further Education Centre.

Objectives:

1. To provide for key N.H.S. staff - eg. medical records staff, midwives etc. simple information leaflets on Asian names.
2. To devise a general code of practice for entering all Asian names and a procedure for altering names wrongly entered in the past.
3. To design a training package for use by local staff, trainers and supervisors.
4. To plan continuing publicity for management who are often unaware of the practical difficulties.
5. To plan continuing publicity aimed at Asian communities who should be informed of the risks of the present unsatisfactory lack of knowledge.

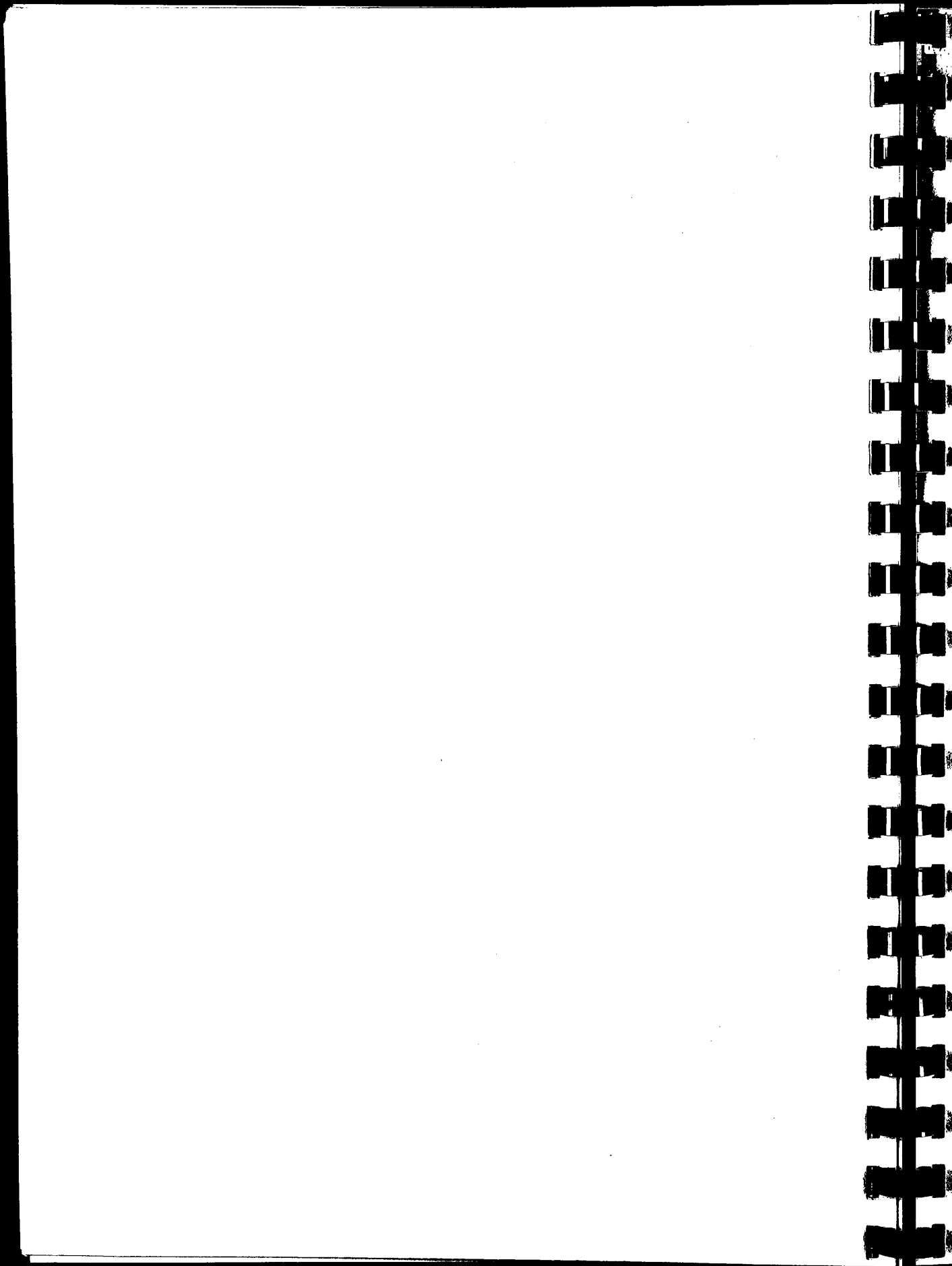
Methodolgy: The project officer when appointed will:

1. Study N.H.S. records.
2. Draw up simple statements describing the main characteristics of the three Asian naming systems.
3. Plan training material for use with N.H.S. staff by local trainees.
4. Devise simple information leaflets and wall charts.
5. Draw up a programme for publishing the results of this work for:
a) Management in the N.H.S.
b) Asian communities.

Presentation of results: Training materials as described above. Report to the King's Fund for possible publication. Short reports in professional journals.

Evaluation criteria: By keeping in touch with departments where records are a problem before and after training information sessions.

KF Coordinator: W. G. Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: A guide for handicapped school leavers.

Starting date: August 1979.

Planned duration: Six months.

Funds allocated: £6,240.

Project leader: Mrs. P. Russell, Secretary, Voluntary Council for handicapped children.

Project officer: To be appointed.

Project base: The Disabled Living Foundation, 246 Kensington High Street W14.

Objectives: To prepare a guide for handicapped adolescents, their parents and teachers containing practical information on sources of financial, social, emotional and educational help for the handicapped person between the ages of fourteen and eighteen.

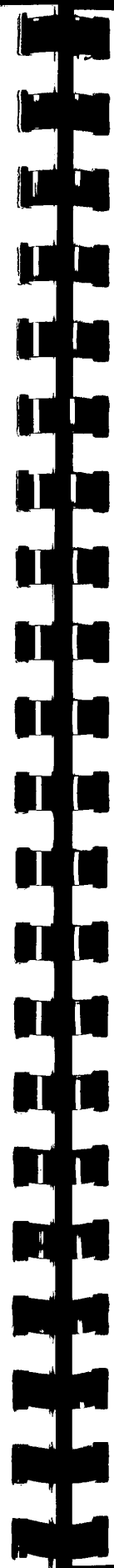
Methodology:

1. A steering committee, already established under the auspices of the V.I.C. Association for the International Year of the Child will oversee the project.
2. Information collected by the Disabled Living Foundation will be examined and collated.
3. The writing will be carried out on a free lance and commissioned basis.

Presentation of results: The guide will be published at a low cost.

Evaluation criteria: Feedback information will be sought from voluntary and statutory agencies who purchase the guide.

KF Coordinator: Mrs. W. Arnett Rayson.



Project: Women doctors, medical manpower and the NHS

Starting date: October 1979.

Planned duration: Eight months.

Funds allocated: £3,850.

Project leader: Professor R. E. Klein,
School of Humanities and Social Sciences,
University of Bath.

Project officer: Mrs. Pat Day.

Project base: University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath.

Objectives:

1. To review the existing state of knowledge on the subject (which will involve both a literature review and interviews.)
2. To analyse the policy issues and options, not to make specific recommendations, but to try to sharpen up the pros and cons of alternative strategies - to point up the policy dilemmas.
3. To identify areas where future research might make an important contribution to the debate.

Methodology:

To carry out a literature survey including literature on medical manpower policies generally (in the N.H.S.) and on the problems of women doctors specifically.

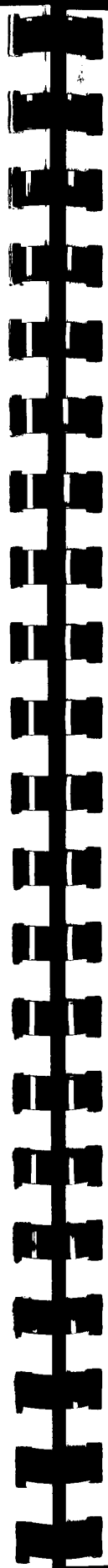
To explore specific issues arising out of this survey with others concerned - eg. The D.H.S.S. The Royal Colleges, groups representing women doctors.

To investigate schemes for facilitating the re-entry of women doctors to professional work.

Presentation of results: To produce a working paper for the King's Fund for general circulation and discussion.

Evaluation criteria: Not considered relevant. Consideration may be given to the possibility of organising a seminar to discuss and evaluate the fund report.

KF Coordinator: D. M. Hands, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: A media retrieval service for nurse teachers.

Starting date: Began in 1977. Fund contribution from October 1979.

Planned duration: Until July 1981.

Funds allocated: £10,000.

Project leader: S. N. Marson, Director N.H.S. Learning Resources Unit, Sheffield City Polytechnic.

Project officer: Jean Heath, Information Officer, N.H.S. Learning Resources Unit.

Project base: Sheffield City Polytechnic, 55 Broomgrove Road, Sheffield S10 2NA.

Objectives: To provide up to date information on aspects of nurse training and education - eg.

- a) Availability in this country.
- b) Cost or hire charges.
- c) Format/Running time.
- d) Details or summary of content.
- e) Guidance on level of material - basic or post basic.

To provide a telephone service for specific enquiries.

To provide lists of materials on specific topics identified by users.

Methodology: Visits are being made to similar services in medical fields. Cards are being designed and printed for indexing media. Distributors are being identified. A filing system is being chosen for subject headings of approximately 9,000 items.

Presentation of results: Report in professional grounds.

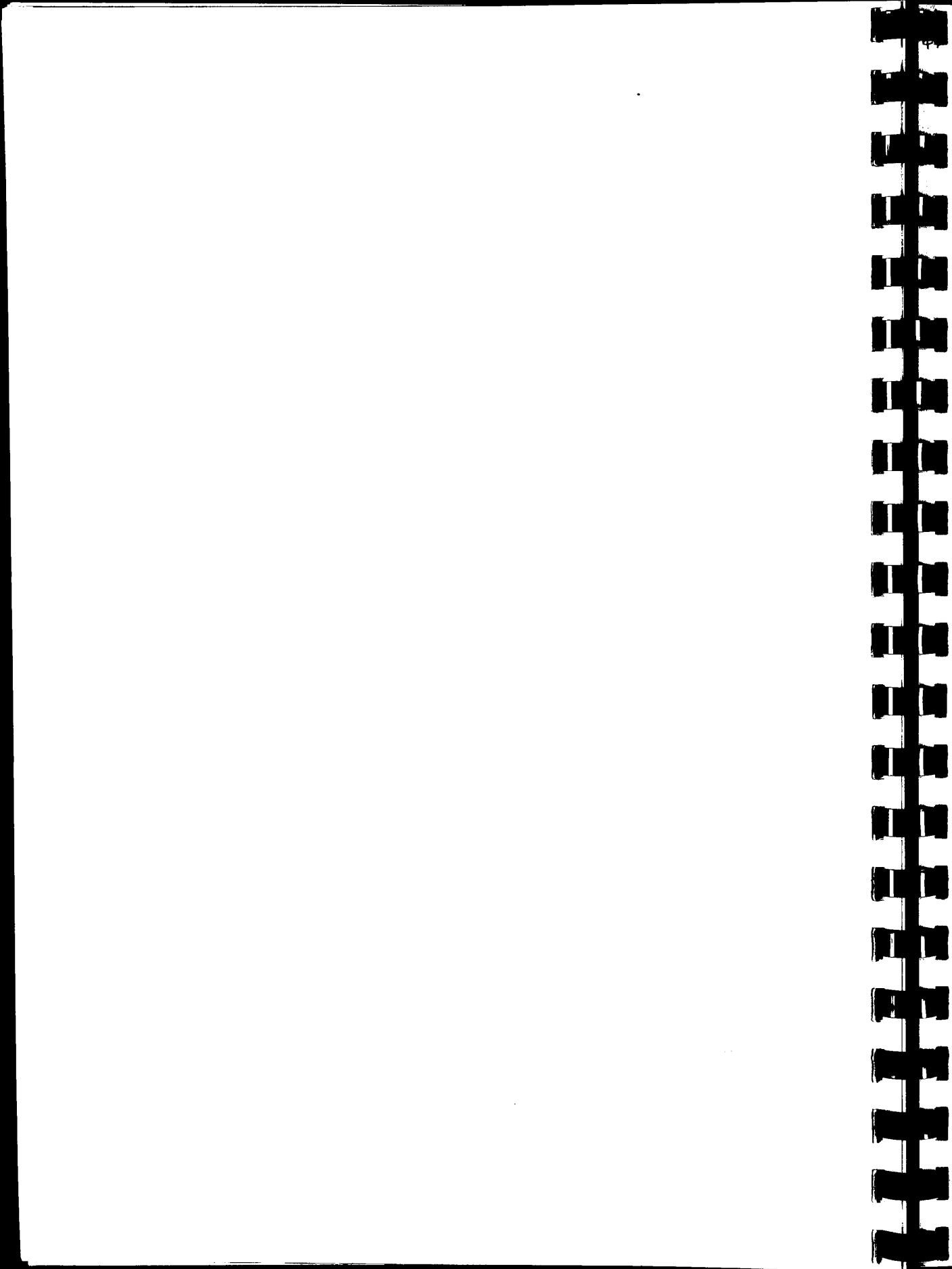
Report in Unit newsletter - "feedback".

Report to all Directors of Nurse Education in U.K.

Evaluation criteria: The number of people using the service.

A questionnaire will be designed after the first year of full operation to identify numbers and some attempt will be made to determine the value of the service.

KF Coordinator: Miss H. O. Allen, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: The evaluation of an experimental continuing education programme for remedial therapists.

Starting date: 1 January 1980.

Planned duration: Two years.

Funds allocated: £12,000.

Project leader: Dr. D. J. Pereira Gray, Dr. M. S. Hall.
Department of General Practice,
Postgraduate Medical Institute, University of Exeter.

Project officer: M/S R. E. A. Goble.
Department of General Practice,
Postgraduate Medical Institute, University of Exeter.

Project base: Department of General Practice,
University of Exeter.

Objectives: To provide a course, the prospective evaluation of which might provide a foundation for a national framework of continuing education for the remedial professions.

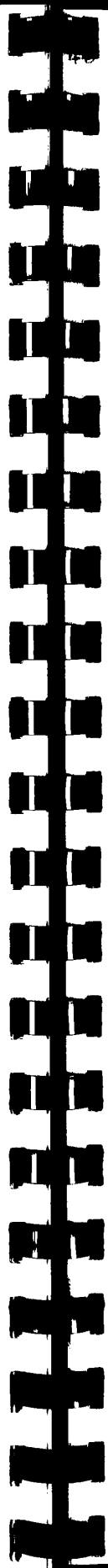
Methodology: The following will be organised:

Individual tutorials.
Seminars.
Teaching in small groups.
Practical clinical conferences.
Clinical demonstrations and case analysis.
Project work related to clinical practice.
Interdisciplinary topic study days.
Roleplay.
Audio/visual facilities.

Presentation of results: Articles (some already published) in professional journals. The publication of a national discussion document on the role and content of remedial therapy.

Evaluation criteria: Evaluation will be by multiple choice questions, multiple essay questions, attitude inventories. These will be applied pre-course, during the course and post-course.

KF Coordinator: Miss H. O. Allen, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: An assessment of the function of volunteer service coordinators.

Starting date: January 1980.

Planned duration: 1 year.

Funds allocated: £4,700.

Project leader: Peter Stubbings, Assistant Director,
The Volunteer Centre,
29 Lower King's Road, Berkhamstead.

Project officer: Pat Gay and Jill Pitkeathley,
29 Lower King's Road, Berkhamstead.

Project base: The Volunteer Centre.

Objectives:

To examine in depth the work of those involved in coordinating the work of volunteers in Berkshire by focusing on the functions of the individual V S C and on the network formed by the interrelationships between them.

To assess the influence they have been able to exert on the policy makers and on the quality of volunteering.

To draw conclusion on how appropriate the VSC function is in servicing the voluntary sector.

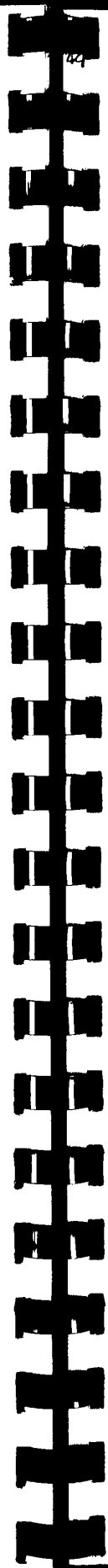
Methodology:

To discover from V S C:
Details of background and training.
Their day to day practice.
A comprehensive overview of the work and the nature and extent of the network in which they operate.
Whether they feel they influence the structure and function of the voluntary sector.
Criteria for optimum performance.
Whether they regard Trade Union contacts as working partners or otherwise.
Approaches to V S C will be made through the Berkshire Social Services Department.
A steering committee will be formed to monitor the project.

Presentation of results: A report to the King's Fund and to the Volunteer Centre.

Evaluation criteria: To hold regular meetings of the steering committee and at the end of the project to hold discussions with all those involved.

KF Coordinator: D. M. Hands, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: Phonetic Representation of Disordered Speech

Starting date: April 1980

Planned duration: 3 Years

Funds allocated: £800 x 3 (£2 400)

Project leader: Dr F C Stork
Head of Department of Linguistics
University of Sheffield

Project officer: as above

Project base: The Department of Linguistics
University of Sheffield
Sheffield S10 2TN

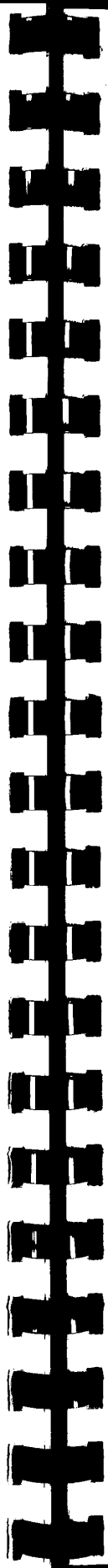
Objectives: The development of methods of recording and
classifying deviant (disordered) speech sounds,
as a first step towards organising remedial
solutions.

Methodology: The purpose of the grant is to meet the travelling
expenses of a group of sixteen phonetic or linguistic
experts from several universities in England and
Scotland. The group meet twice yearly.

Presentation
of results: The production of educational materials for publication
so that the new systems of phonetic representation can
be disseminated to qualifying and qualified speech
therapists.

Evaluation criteria: Not yet determined

KF Coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre



Project: Establishment of a CMIEIRA training team

Starting date: April 1980

Planned duration: 2 Years

Funds allocated: £25 000

Project leader: Alan Tyne,
(Research Worker, Campaign for the Mentally
Handicaped)
Community and Mental Handicap Educational
and Research Association.

Project officer: To be appointed

Project base: Spastics Society,
12 Park Crescent,
LONDON WIN 4EO.

Objectives: To establish a team to undertake training for local
and health authorities, and to develop training work
for staff and consumers, including policy makers,
planners, managers, "grass roots" staff, parents and
families.

To focus training on

- a) The place of the mentally handicapped adult in
society.
- b) The implications of "normalisation" in services.
- c) The fullest participation of mentally handicapped
people in their own affairs.
- d) The practical opportunities for creating alternative
community based services.

Methodology: The team will comprise

- 1 - a trainer developing policy, especially in relation
to community based and individualised services.
- 2 - a trainer concentrating upon participation by
mentally handicapped persons in decision making.
- 3 - an assistant to work with either trainer on specific
exercises and material preparation.

Workshops, seminars and short presentations will be
held.

Presentation
of results: The development of training packages to be made available
to staff and to authorities.

Evaluation criteria: All training activities will include provision for
evaluation by participants.

"Feed back" seminars will be held 3-6 months after
original meetings with authorities.

Funds will be sought when project further develops to
enable a research officer to be appointed to carry out
systematic evaluation.

KF Coordinator: D Towell, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.

Project: Asian Names

Starting date: May 1980

Planned duration: One year

Funds allocated: £5,000

Project leader: Hazel Wigmore
Director
National Children's Centre

Project officer: as above

Project base: National Children's Centre
Longroyd Bridge
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire

Objectives:

1. To investigate Asian names in the health service in some regions of London
2. To clarify recording procedures in the Health Service
3. To provide training materials for health service personnel
4. To advise Asian families on the standardised use of a naming system within the health service

Methodology:

1. To assess the present situation making contact with a sample of 20 Asian families and several public service agencies (eg social services, education)
2. To compile draft guides for Asian families and staff comparing these with King's Fund Pathway Project (q.v.)(PRO 79/44)
3. To hold seminars for senior staff and study days for 'interview' staff
4. To assess the effectiveness of the training materials devised to far
5. To extend the work involving more staff and additional families

Presentation of results: Report to King's Fund

Evaluation criteria: Not stated

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre

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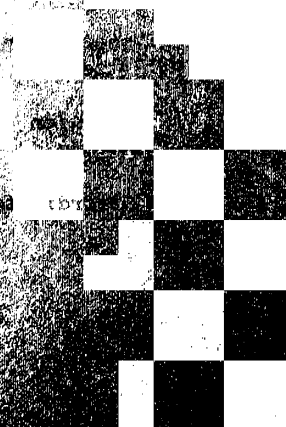
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Project: Crisis Intervention

Starting date: April 1980

Planned duration: Nine months

Funds allocated: £5 000

Project leader: Dr D C Wallbridge
Consultant Psychiatrist

Project officer:

Project base: Cygnet Guild Communications Ltd
Bushey Studios Melbourne Road
Bushey, Herts

Objectives: To produce a training film for social workers and other health care professionals to demonstrate:
a) that admission to a psychiatric hospital for assessment is not the only available treatment for a patient
b) that assessment of the most promising method of treatment is best carried out by the patient's GP, social worker and psychiatrist, jointly in consultation with each other and after or during joint consultation with the patient and his/her immediate family.

Methodology: Using material from a clinical study already carried out on a series of 34 patients to develop a script, (already funded by the King's Fund (CEN 78/24) and produce a video film using professional actors.

Presentation of results: A video film with accompanying lecture notes for trainers

Evaluation criteria: By audience reaction and by assessing the clinical results of social workers and doctors who may adopt the proposed approach

KF coordinator: Miss H O Allen, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre

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General Intervention

April 1980

King's months

£8 000

Dr. D. C. Wallbridge
Consultant Psychiatrist

Cynet Child Communications Ltd
Bushy Studios Melbourne Road
Bushy, Herts

To produce a training film for social workers and other health care professionals to use in their work. (a) that admission to a psychiatric hospital is not the only available treatment for a patient

(b) that assessment of the best treatment for a patient is best carried out by a team consisting of social workers and psychiatrists, working in consultation with each other and either on the ward or in a room with the patient and his/her family.

Using material from a clinical study, already carried out on a series of 10 patients to be developed into a video film (already funded by the King's Fund) to produce a video film using professional actors.

A video film with accompanying teaching notes for training

By audience reaction and by assessing the results of social workers and doctors who use the proposed approach

Miss H. O. Allen, Assistant Director, King's Fund

Project: An advice and legal representation service at
Springfield Hospital, Wandsworth, London

Starting date: September 1980

Planned duration: Three years

Funds allocated: £64 166

Project leader: Richard Hallmark
Solicitor
Wandsworth Legal Resource Project

Project officer: To be appointed

Project base: Wandsworth Legal Resource Project
248 Lavender Hill
London SW11

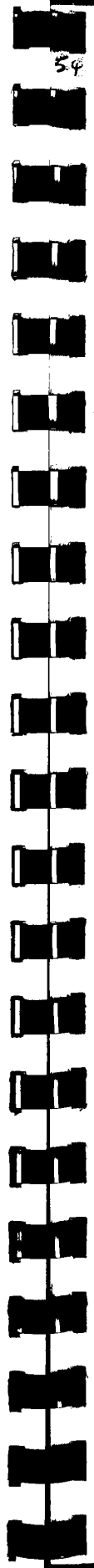
Objectives: 1. To establish an independent, confidential, free
advice and legal representation service at Springfield
Psychiatric Hospital
2. To run training sessions on welfare rights and
law for hospital staff
3. To analyse the use made of the service provided

Methodology: To employ a lawyer and a general advice worker who
will work full time operating a service for two years.
Major areas for advice giving will be: housing:
finance: family: health: environment.
Progress will be reviewed every six months.

Presentation
of results: King's Fund Centre Seminar
Publication in professional journals
Press release to appropriate national newspapers

Evaluation
criteria: The recorded needs of patients) for the service
" " " " staff) as provided
The time spent liaising with other support agencies

KF coordinator: D M Hands, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre



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KING'S FUND PROJECT COMMITTEE

PRO 80/14

Project: Computerised General Practice Records in an Inner City General Practice

Starting date: February 1980

Planned duration: 15 months

Funds allocated: £8 717

Project leader: Dr M R Salkind
Director
Academic Department of General Practice & Primary Care
St Bartholomews Hospital Medical College

Project officer: as above

Project base: Academic Department of General Practice
52B Well Street, Hackney, London E9

Objectives:

1. To assess the usefulness of a computer-held record to Health Visitors, Practice Nurses, Social Workers and other members of the Practice Team.
2. To investigate the practicality of using a computer to store hospital letters and other documents relating to the patient.
3. To evaluate the most effective method of inserting medical data into the system.
Methods to be evaluated -
Dictation for input later by typists
Use of specially designed encounter form
Use of computer printed record annotated at time of consultation
Direct input by doctor at time of consultation

Methodology: The practice was already committed to the purchase of a computer system. The grant made is to enable more sophisticated technology to be used.

Presentation of results: Reports in professional journals, international conferences and reports to local general practitioners

Evaluation criteria: Total time of consultation
Subjective assessment by visual analogue scale
Errors and omissions by check count
Time for operator output
Comparative cost of methods

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre

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Project: Sex and the Disabled

Starting date: July 1980

Planned duration: 6 months

Funds allocated: £600

Project leader: Bernadette Fallon
Author

Project officer:

Project base: 30 Richmond Mount
Leeds 6

Objectives: To prepare a synopsis and a sample chapter of a book designed to describe how the disabled may enjoy a fuller sex life - the synopsis then to be sent to an appropriate publisher for him to decide whether he will accept a commitment to produce the book

Methodology: The synopsis will include commentary on how to have a good full and satisfying sex life. It will be written for the disabled, describing techniques and practices they can try for themselves.

Presentation of results: Book publication

Evaluation criteria: Whether accepted by publisher

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre



Project: Short Term Residential Care of Mentally Handicapped Children - Dissemination Phase

Starting Date: September 1980

Planned duration: 1 year

Funds allocated: £14,712

Project leader: Miss Maureen Oswin
Research Officer, Thomas Coram Research Unit
41 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AZ

Project officer:

Project base: Thomas Coram Research Unit (address as above)

Objectives:

1. To disseminate the findings of Part One (Research undertaken 1977-80) via a number of seminars and discussion days to be organised in conjunction with the King's Fund Centre.
2. To consider the drawing up of guidelines for staff training based on the recommendations contained in Part One.
3. To publish a report on the seminars which may be helpful to care staff, families and other relevant persons. This would be known as Part Two of the main report.

Methodology:

1. A number of seminars and discussions will be arranged, some of which will be arranged at the King's Fund Centre, others held in areas where the research took place (Berkshire, Yorkshire, Devon and West Midlands).
2. A range of methods will be explored for the most effective dissemination and application of the results of the main study, and the intention will be not just to make available new information and examples of good practices, but also to help participants critically examine their own work, develop action plans for improved services and implement the improvements.
3. The contents of the seminar discussions will be written up as Part Two of the main report.

Presentation of results: The work of 1980-81 would be written up as Part Two of the present study (Part One) which is now drawing to its close. Both parts will be published.

Evaluation criteria: After the seminars it is hoped to follow up the staff who attended, in order to ascertain how helpful the seminars had been regarding their daily work of caring for mentally handicapped children. Thus a simple qualitative assessment will be made of the usefulness of this approach to the dissemination and use of research findings. These aspects of the work will also be written into Part Two.

KF Coordinator: David Towell, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre

See also part 1 of project ref R & D 77/15C

Project: A National Standard for Chiropody Record Keeping

Starting date: December 1980

Planned duration: 18 months

Funds allocated: £10 000

Project leader: D Idris Evans
Area Chiropodist
Buckinghamshire Area Health Authority

Project officer:

Project base: The Association of Chief Chiropody Officers
3 New Road, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Bucks

Objectives:

1. To produce a standard comprehensive record card to be used by all chiropodists practising in the NHS
2. To standardise procedures and to encourage the use of standard terminology
3. To keep the design of the new card simple and inexpensive.

Methodology:

1. To review existing chiropody and other record systems
2. To design and send out to the following a questionnaire: Chiropodists Doctors Nurses Medical Records Officers
3. To obtain more detailed information and comment from selected overseas centres
4. Five health authorities will be invited to use the newly designed card for a 6 month trial period.

Presentation of results: A report to the King's Fund and in appropriate professional journals

Evaluation criteria: The comments of the 5 health authorities will form the main basis for the evaluation of the card

Thereafter the comments received and the use made of the card when available generally will provide measures of its success.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre

Project: Out Patient Audit

Starting date: October 1980

Planned duration: 16 months

Funds allocated: £12 141

Project leader: S J Steele FRCS FRCOG, Director
Academic Department of Obstetrics
Middlesex Hospital Medical School
Dr J S Stewart, Consultant Physician
West Middlesex Hospital.

Project Officer:

Project base: Academic Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Middlesex Hospital Medical School.

Objectives:

1. To investigate the clinical and administrative management of out-patient department clinics
2. To demonstrate the value of an active interest in clinic administration by the professional staff involved
3. To identify the extent to which patients come unnecessarily to clinics and who is responsible for these visits.

Methodology:

1. To record the number of wasted appointments due to non-availability of essential information, absence of specific doctors, and non-attendance of patients
2. To base the enquiry at three separate clinics
3. To use the services of a trained nurse to study the detailed operations of these clinics
4. A small advisory group at each hospital will be established to advise the project officer.

Presentation of results: A report to the King's Fund
Publications in appropriate journals

Evaluation criteria: The extent to which the identified deficiencies are remedied, and the remedies demonstrated to be permanent

KF coordinators: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This is essential for ensuring the integrity of the financial statements and for providing a clear audit trail.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. These methods include direct observation, interviews, and the use of specialized software tools.

Project: Physically Handicapped School leavers in the Community

Starting date: October 1980

Planned duration: 2 years

Funds allocated: £23 388.

Project leader: Miss Mary Coubrough, Director
Invalid Children's Aid Association

Project officer: Lyn Durward, Senior Research Officer
Personal Social Services Council

Project base: Invalid Children's Aid Association
126 Buckingham Palace Road
London SW1

Objectives:

1. To examine the processes of access to health education, employment and leisure services for physically handicapped school leavers
2. To identify factors which facilitate access and those which inhibit it
3. To provide information about the 'goodness of fit' between physically handicapped school leavers and services in a particular locality by examining the pattern of experience of participation in and withdrawal from services

Methodology:

The project will be based on a sample of physically handicapped school leavers within a specific locality

The research will involve interviews with the school leavers and their principal careers

Interviews will cover: nature of handicap, - history of contact with specialist provision in health, education and social services; access routes to these services; the history of the breakdown of service provision

The research will include a survey of those who do not participate in or receive any services

Presentation of results: Report to the King's Fund and publication in appropriate journals

Evaluation criteria: none stated

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre

Project: Facilitating Change in Geriatric Hospital Care

Starting date: October 1980

Planned duration: 18 months

Funds allocated: £10 042

Project leader: Professor H M Hodkinson
Professor of Geriatric Medicine
Royal Postgraduate Medical School
Hammersmith Hospital

Project officer: Miss E S Golden
Senior Social Worker
Department of Psychological Medicine
Hammersmith Hospital

Project base: Hammersmith Hospital

Objectives:

1. To replace custodial care of geriatric patients with a model stressing rehabilitation
2. To develop the potential of staff to be sensitive in identifying and meeting individual patient needs
3. To apply learning theory and behaviour modification practice in a geriatric setting
4. To evolve an exemplary pattern of practice and to develop the geriatric hospital as a teaching centre
5. To increase staff motivation and job satisfaction
6. To develop an enthusiasm for innovation

Methodology:

1. First to observe the present structure and dynamics of the geriatric hospital
2. Secondly to use the experience gained to facilitate innovation using a learning theory model
3. Thirdly to evaluate the results and to over any residual project functions to permanent staff

Presentation of results:

To hold workshops and seminars at Hammersmith Hospital and other places

To write general articles for professional journals

To publish results in a book

Evaluation criteria: The extent of which staff modify their behaviour and working patterns

KF coordinator: Dr D Towell, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre

Project: A video tape for patients about to enter hospital

Starting date: October 1980

Planned duration: 12 months

Funds allocated: £3304

Project leader: Dr W J McQuillan FFCM QHP
Area Medical Officer
Northamptonshire Area Health Authority

Project officer: S Parkinson
Senior Health Education Officer
Northamptonshire Area Health Authority

Project base: Health Education Department
Northamptonshire Area Health Authority

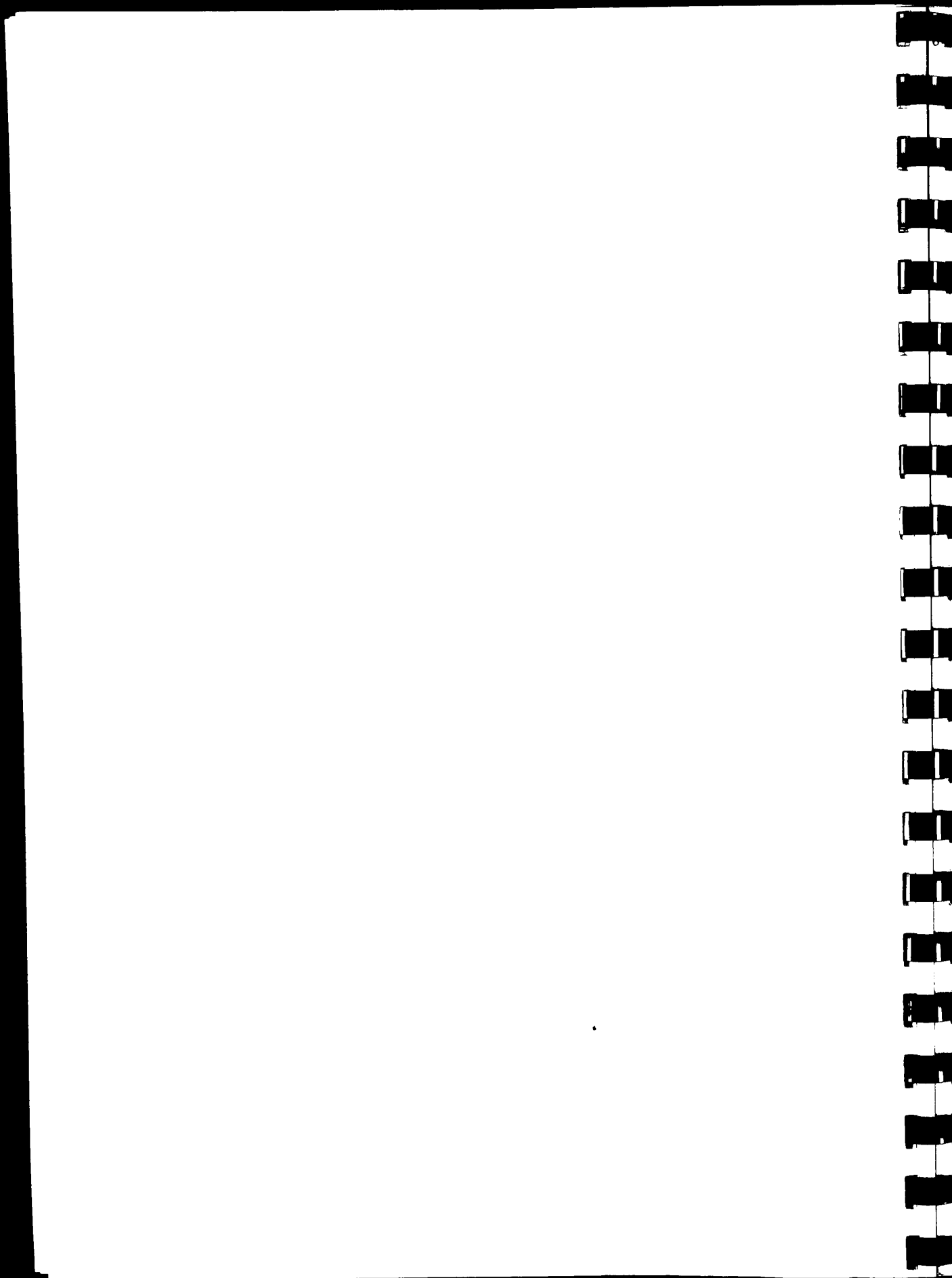
Objectives: 1. To produce a video tape of 15 minutes duration to describe the local hospital and paediatric ward, nurses doctors and other staff
2. To prepare a series of video tapes for patients with special problems

Methodology: To record the activities of a child, his preparation, his travel to the hospital, his arrival and the various stages of his treatment. The story will be told by a puppet on the screen
To make short tapes of 5 minutes duration to describe the various features of maternity units for the benefit of pregnant women

Presentation of results: Video tapes which will be generally available

Evaluation criteria: The research unit of the Open University will cooperate in obtaining comments by the users and viewers of these tapes

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre



Project: Care of the elderly in Exeter, Devon.

Starting date: April 1974.

Planned duration: 3 years, extended later to 4 years.

Funds allocated: £22,240.

Project leader: J D Hamson, Director of Social Services, Devon County Council, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QR.

Project officer: Initially - Mrs M Munday, Research Coordinator, Institute of Biometry and Community Medicine, University of Exeter, Exe Vale Hospital, Dryden Road, Exeter EX2 5AE.
In 1977, Mrs Munday was succeeded by Mrs J Rowe.

Project base: Institute of Biometry and Community Medicine, University of Exeter.

Objectives: To devise and implement a simple and cheap method of ensuring that the health and welfare needs of old people are regularly assessed, and to provide a means of coordinating the medical and social support.

Methodology: The project centred on an area where the proportion of old people is greater than the national average. The following procedures were followed:

- 1 The identifying of old people at risk.
- 2 The measuring of their health and welfare needs.
- 3 The maintaining of a system for the regular review of their needs.
- 4 Determining how best to meet those needs.
- 5 The coordinating of a programme to provide integrated support from health and social services and voluntary organisations.
- 6 Enabling the effectiveness of the developed programme, and of the services within the programme, to be reviewed; the primary measure of effectiveness was seen to be the resulting decrease in estimated unmet needs of old people in the areas concerned.

Presentation of results: Written reports, copies of which have been received by the King's Fund; follow-up conferences and meetings.

Evaluation criteria: The extension of the original project was arranged to enable a trial of the developed system to be conducted in four general practices.

KF coordinator: Mrs W M Arnett-Rayson, Project Officer, King's Fund Centre.

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MR M H [redacted] Professor [redacted] [redacted]

to [redacted] [redacted]

Examination criteria: [redacted]

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Project leader:

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Phase allocated:

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Planned duration:

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Starting date:

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Project:

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MR M H [redacted] [redacted]

Project: Toynbee Hall Centre for the Mentally Handicapped.

Starting date: May 1974.

Planned duration: 3 years, extended later to 5 years.

Funds allocated: £20,000 for the first 3 years (R&D 74/26/iii) plus
£8,000 for a further 2 years (MAN 8814)

Project leader: John Profumo, The Universities' Settlement in East
London, Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London E1 6LS.

Project officer:

Project base: Toynbee Hall; address above.

Objectives:

- 1 The initial grant: To assist in the setting up of an experimental centre for the mentally handicapped at Toynbee Hall which would provide (a) an information and referral service for parents which would collate and make available information about all services for mentally handicapped people; and (b) help to alleviate the stress felt by parents, thereby backing up local authority social workers.
- 2 The extension grant: To help to maintain the Centre for a further period pending the contribution of adequate funds from other sources.

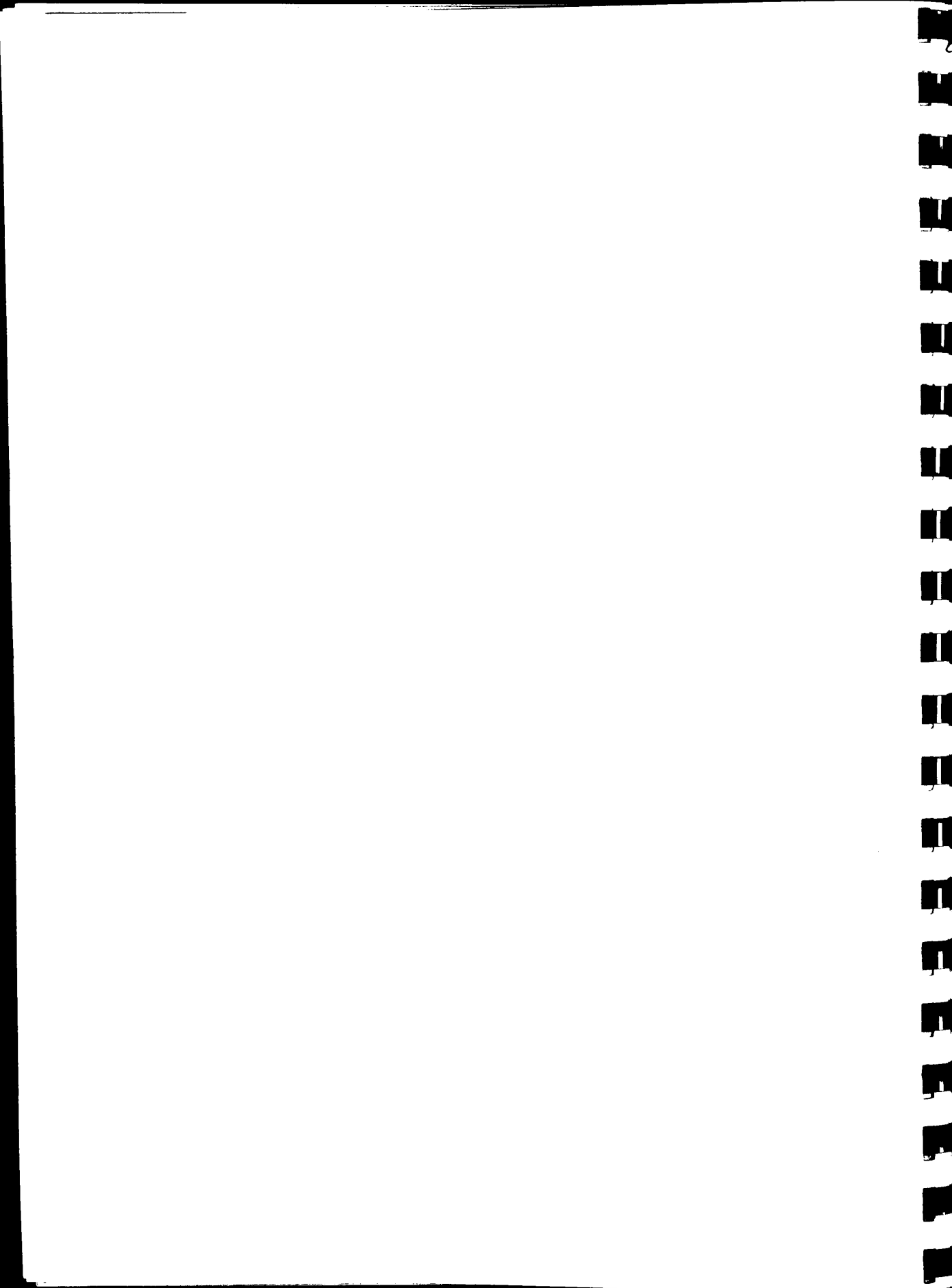
Methodology: To achieve its objectives, it was planned that the Centre would :

- 1 Provide an activities room for work with small groups of children, especially with babies and infants.
- 2 Make available leisure-time facilities for use during evenings, weekends and general holidays.
- 3 Respond to needs for a crèche, baby sitting and home visiting, and other auxiliary services.
- 4 Assist in the training of parents and helpers to work with mentally handicapped people.

Presentation of results: Not specified.

Evaluation criteria: None stated.

KF coordinator: W G Cannon, Director, King's Fund Centre.



Project: User-related financial information system.

Starting date: July 1976.

Planned duration: 2 years.

Funds allocated: £14,000. This was a contributory grant; the main costs of the project were borne by the Special Trustees of St Thomas' Hospital.

Project leader: R J Baskin, Budget Project Manager, St Thomas' Hospital, London SE1 7EH.

Project officer:

Project base: St Thomas' Hospital.

Objectives: To develop and implement a user-related financial information system in the St Thomas' Health District (Teaching).

Methodology: The proposed system was to be based on methods described in the King's Fund publication Accounting for health, the bibliographical details of which are given below(1), and the project was to be conducted along the following lines:

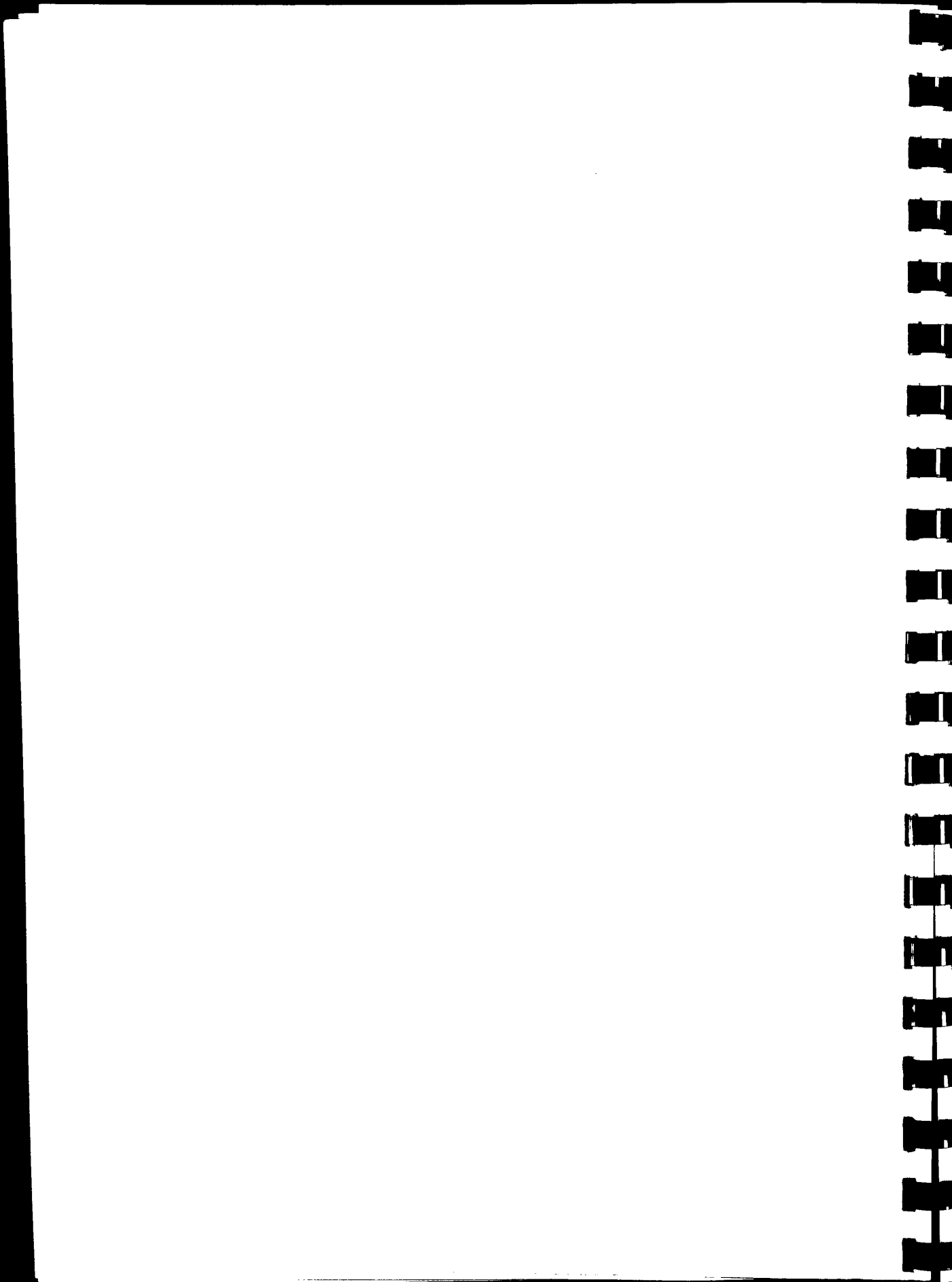
- 1 The definition of a set of output categories or function descriptions.
- 2 The itemising of broad input categories by which the use of resources would be allocated.
- 3 The definition and quantification of activity units.
- 4 The allocation of costs to activity units.

Presentation of results: Written reports to the steering committee, with copies to the King's Fund.

Evaluation criteria: None stated.

KF coordinator: D M Hands, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.

Reference(1) KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR LONDON. Accounting for health: a report of a King's Fund Working Party on the application of economic principles to health service management. London, King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, 1973. pp.63.



Project: Psychology services in primary schools.

Starting date: January 1978.

Planned duration: 3 years.

Funds allocated: £30,315.

Project leader: Thomas Coram Research Institute,
41 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1A2.

Project officers: Dr Martin Bax and Dr Kingsley Whitmore,
Research paediatricians, Thomas Coram Research Institute.

Project base: Thomas Coram Research Institute; address above.

Objectives:

- 1 To provide psychological expertise in the investigation of primary school children with learning and behavioural problems.
- 2 To determine the most effective contribution of a psychologist in primary schools, bearing in mind the prevalence of children with learning and behavioural problems and the shortage of psychologists.
- 3 To explore the ways in which school doctors and nurses can best collaborate with psychologists in helping such children.

Methodology:

- 1 An epidemiological survey in a defined neighbourhood.
- 2 A pilot study of alternative methods of health care and staffing, and the consideration of alternative ways whereby the psychologist can more effectively contribute his expertise to the recognition and management of learning and behaviour in primary school children.
- 3 An evaluation of the changes introduced.

Presentation of results: Reports in professional journals.

Evaluation criteria:

- 1 The rate of referral of junior pupils to the psychologist.
- 2 The extent to which psychological screening of school entrants can pick up children at risk.
- 3 The readiness of the psychologist to deal with referrals.
- 4 Client satisfaction.

KF coordinator: Dr D Towell, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.

Project: Mobility information and demonstration service.

Starting date: December 1978.

Planned duration: 3 years.

Funds allocated: £7 500.

Project leader: S R Gallop, Chairman, Disablement in the City,
Room 1407, Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street,
London EC1A 7AU.

Project officer: Anthony E Northmore, Project Officer; address above.

Project base: Disablement in the City; address above.

Objectives:

- 1 To provide effective information to disabled passengers and disabled drivers (including disabled families) on suitable vehicles and vehicle conversion.
- 2 To secure development and rapid introduction of improved economical conversions so that new best practices, concerning both equipment and methods, are taken up widely and promptly.
- 3 To confirm that severely disabled people can make a positive contribution to the counselling of newly disabled people.

Methodology:

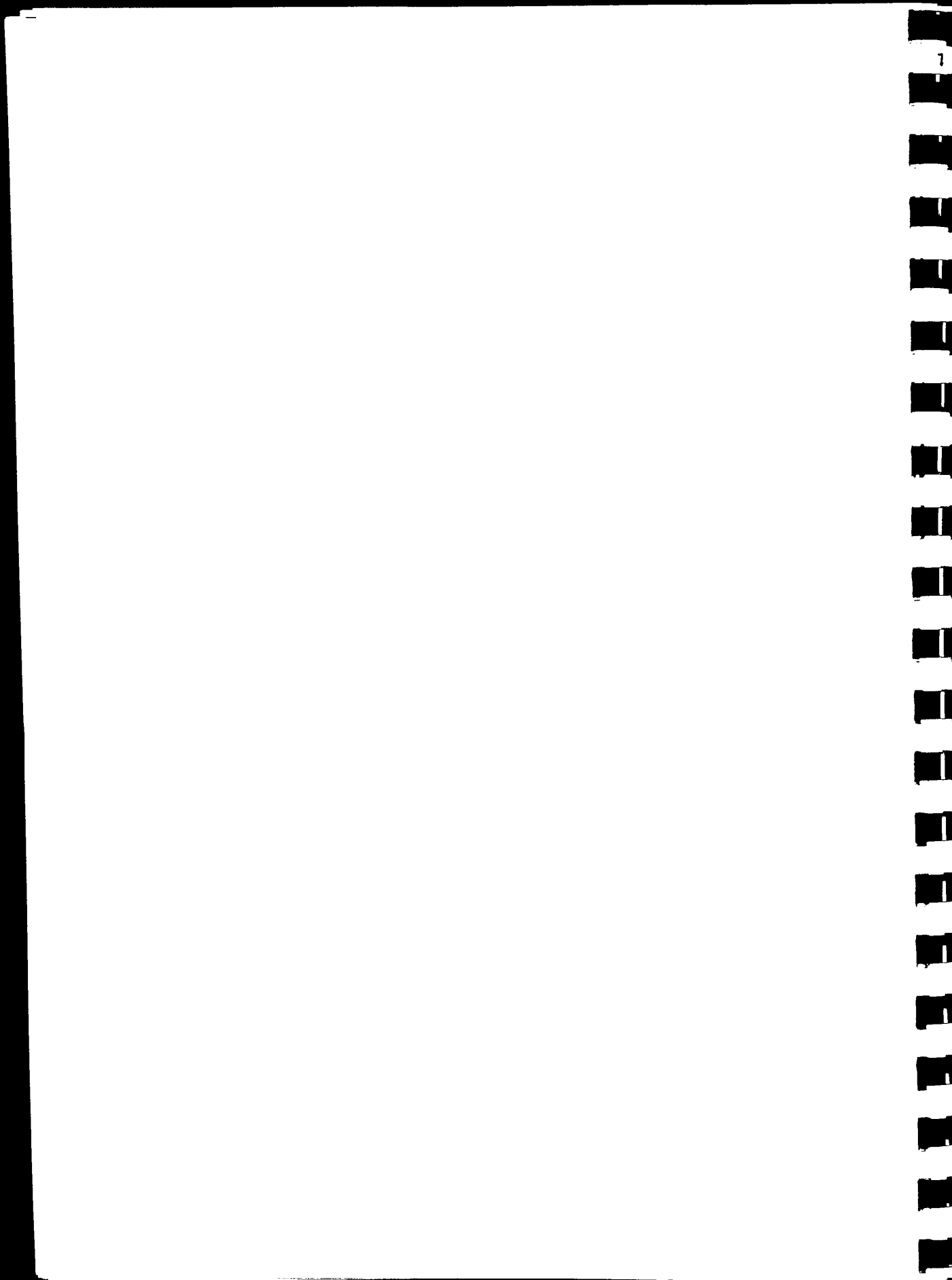
- 1 A pilot investigation will be carried out in the south west of England.
- 2 Development of a coordinating system between existing agencies serving disabled people in S W England.
- 3 Distribution of a detailed questionnaire as a means of creating a register of disabilities and conversions.

Presentation of results:

- 1 Reports in professional journals.
- 2 Reports to government bodies and voluntary agencies.
- 3 Coverage in the media.

Evaluation criteria: The extent to which further developments are taken up nationally.

KF coordinator: Dr D Towell, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.



- Project: The use of an inpatient ward for the care of severely disabled psychiatric patients living in the community.
- Starting date: April 1978.
- Planned duration: 2 years.
- Funds allocated: £7,187.
- Project leader: Dr J L T Birley FRCP FRCPsych, Dean, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF.
- Project officer: Dr D H Bennett MD FRCPsych, Consultant Psychiatrist, The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ.
- Project base: Institute of Psychiatry; address above.
- Objectives:
- 1 To study the effect of providing intensive and flexible forms of personal, clinical and practical support to chronically ill psychiatric patients, using a hospital ward but maintaining the patients in the community.
 - 2 To describe this supportive system and to study the community life style of the chronic patients using it.
 - 3 To test certain hypotheses relating to the social network, clinical state and stability of the patient in this system.
- Methodology:
- 1 Analyse the system and the way it provides care.
 - 2 Find out from staff and patients what support they feel they have given or have received.
 - 3 Rate these patients in terms of their social competence, social network and symptomatic state.
- Presentation of results: Publication of papers in professional journals.
- Evaluation criteria:
- 1 A comparison of the psychiatric careers of the patients since using this service with their careers prior to contact.
 - 2 A retrospective cohort study of all those in contact with the service five years ago.
- KF coordinator: Dr D Towell, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.



- Project:** Visual arts intervention and long term care.
- Starting date:** September 1978.
- Planned duration:** 3 years.
- Funds allocated:** £30,000.
- Project leader:** K R Jones, Head of Department of Special Education, Bristol Polytechnic, Redland Hill, Bristol. BS6 6UZ
- Project officer:** Ms Pauline Tilley, lecturer in art and the education of the Mentally Handicapped, Bristol Polytechnic.
- Project base:** Bristol Polytechnic; address above.
- Objectives:**
- 1 To discover methods of motivating residents (patients) in long term care to accept the challenges and disciplines of experiences in painting which raise it from a pastime to a fine art.
 - 2 To devise means by which residents with low levels of technical skill may gain satisfaction from experiences in fine art.
 - 3 To discover whether the need fulfilment associated with success in meeting creative challenges in fine art can, in relation to the effects of institutionalisation produce perceptible and beneficial personality changes in people in long term care.
 - 4 To examine the changes of attitude, relationships and behaviour of the residents within their community and environment and to record the effects, if any, of these changes upon the institution as a developing social unit.
 - 5 To change the residents problem of too much spare time into a positive advantage needed for the practice of fine art.
- Methodology:** Three main subject groups each with suitable control groups:
- 1 Young chronically sick in a hospital unit
 - 2 Mentally handicapped adults in hospital
 - 3 Mentally ill adults in hospital.
- The learning processes of modelled imitation and identification will be used.
- Experienced artists will work side by side with residents.
- Help will be given in the identification of the creative problems, but withheld from the area involving personal preferences.
- Help will be offered on the manipulation of materials and tools.
- Presentation of results:** Report in professional journal;
Thesis;
A teaching film - edited video tape.
- Evaluation criteria:** Comparisons will be made between the three groups studied. The most significant comparison will be between the observable personality factors of each resident at the beginning and end of the project. These will be based on questionnaires designed to present a clear picture of relevant personality traits of residents.
- KF coordinators:** Dr D Towell, Assistant Director, King's Fund Centre.

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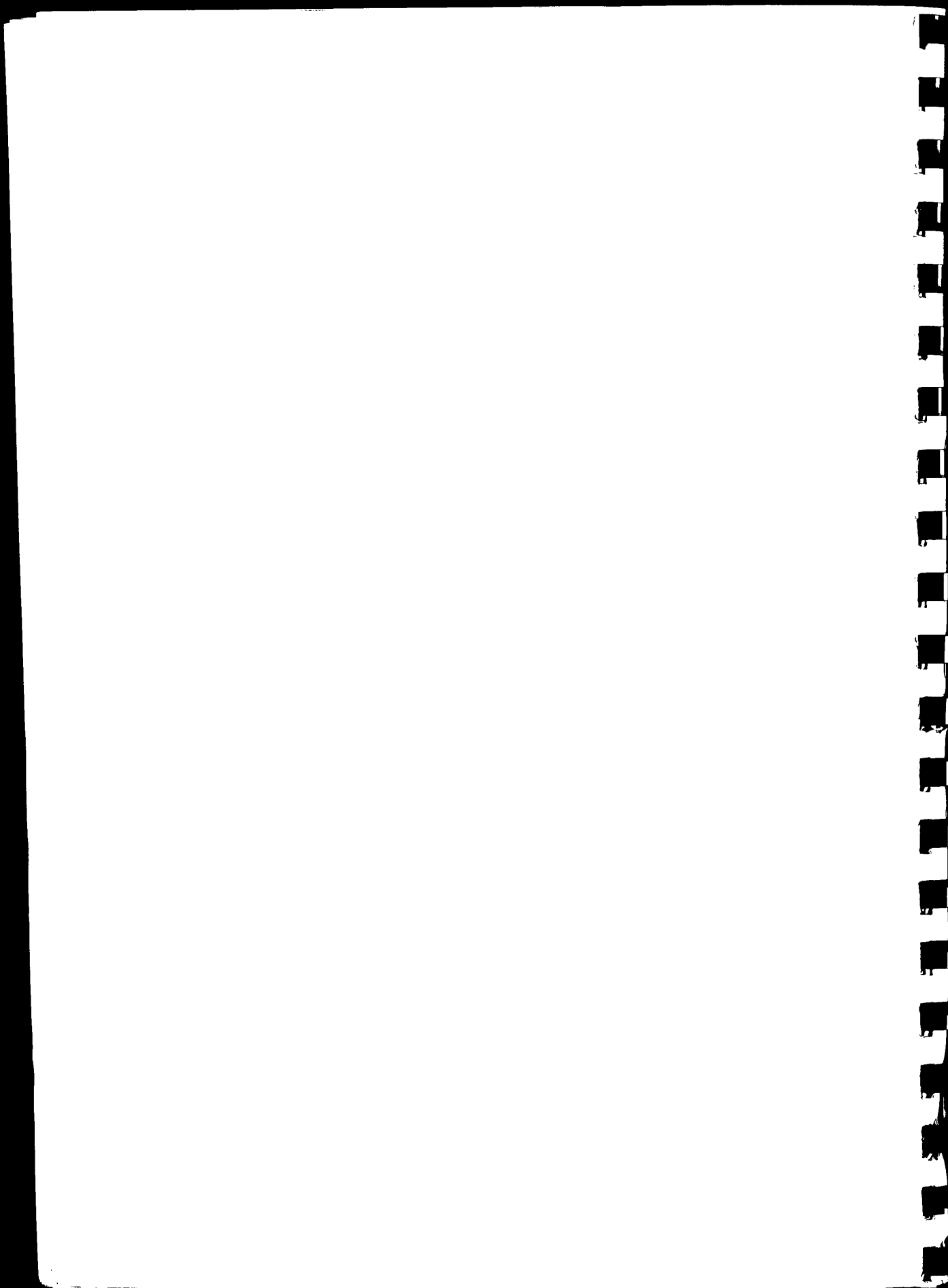
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